

SABBATH OBSERVANCE

The Sabbath as well as all other God-given sacred and sanctified institutions, is being torn down and robbed of its sacredness, blessing, and that for which God set it apart.

We are living in a day when our Christian Sabbath is not regarded as being any holier than the week days. Church members spend what should be the day of rest in automobiling, playing ball, boating and many other sports that might be mentioned.

The hearts of God's children are stirred when they take this matter into consideration, for not only have pleasure seekers marred the Sabbath, but business establishments have so broken down the hedges that in many places one cannot tell whether it is Sunday or Monday.

We therefore resolve:

1. To take a decided stand against all manual labor, and if needs be, leave any job at any time, and trust the Lord to supply our needs in order to hallow and keep this blessed day sacred.

2. That we will both by precept and example discountenance all sports such as ball games, motion pictures, pool rooms, bowling alleys and all other worldly amusements on the Lord's Day.

3. That we will take action against buying and selling on the Sabbath. If people wouldn't buy, money sharks couldn't sell. We likewise pledge our votes and influence to support legislation that will protect the Sabbath.

4. That we will call attention to parents to guard their children and teach them to love and respect the Holy Day of the Lord.

5. That each one who professes to know and love Jesus our Lord to make it a part of his business to place himself on record in both his home and in his business against all forms of Sabbath desecration.

Humbly submitted,

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MARRIED.

Cheney-Cook

A very quiet but beautiful wedding was solemnized by Rev. H. C. Mullen at the home of the bride's parents, Seal Cove, Grand Manan, on Wednesday evening, June 23rd, the contracting parties being Miss Clytie Cook, of Seal Cove, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Grovenor Cook, and Mr. Otho G. Cheney, of Lindsay, Carleton Co., N. B.

Only a select company of the friends and relatives of the bride and groom witnessed the ceremony. They were attended by Mr. and Mrs. Roy Briggs, of Lindsay, friends and neighbors of Mr. Cheney. After the marriage, refreshments were served and a very pleasant social evening was enjoyed.

The bride was a popular Christian young woman of the place, and will be missed by the church and in a social way. Mr. Cheney is a prosperous farmer and owns a home of his own at Lindsay, where they will eventually reside. The good wishes of the community will follow them.—H. C. MULLEN.

OBITUARY

Willie C. Maher

Willie C. Maher, month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Maher, Knoxford, N. B., died June the 18th, and was buried the following day, Rev. H. S. Mullen conducting the service. He leaves besides his parents, two brothers and five sisters, who have our sympathy.

PRESENTATION TO REV. E. W. LESTER

On Monday evening a large gathering of friends on the Hartland Circuit met at the Reformed Baptist parsonage to bid farewell to Rev. E. W. Lester, who has been their pastor for the past four years, and who has accepted a call to the Woodstock Church.

Deacon G. B. Nixon was called to the chair and on behalf of the gathering, presented Mr. Lester with a generous purse accompanied by the following address:

Dear Brother Lester: It always saddens us to bid our pastor good-bye, and as you are leaving us we wish to express our appreciation of you as a faithful pastor to us; a man of sterling qualities, a genial sympathizing friend and esteemed citizen. Please accept this slight token of our regard, and as you take up your work in a new field may you be rewarded by winning precious souls for the Master. "May the blessing of the Lord, which maketh rich and addeth no sorrow with it" be upon you and yours, now and ever.

YOUR FRIENDS ON
HARTLAND CIRCUIT

His daughter, Miss Helen, was also the recipient of a gift of the needful in recognition of her faithful services as organist.

They both responded in a very feeling manner, thanking the donors for their kind interest and for expressing their appreciation in such a tangible manner. After which Mr. Lester invoked the Divine blessing, and the gathering dispersed after singing "Blest be the Tie that Binds."

THE FRIENDSHIP OF THE WORLD.

By Rev. C. V. Fairbairn.

It is written: "Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world shows himself to be the enemy of God" (Jas. 4:4, literal.)

Adultery is falseness to the conjugal tie on the part of either of the parties to the contract. It is the breaking of the following vow, "Wilt thou love him, honor him, keep him * and forsaking all others keep thee only unto him as long as ye both shall live?" Answer, "I will."

First, there is the temptation, which can be either utterly rejected or listened to and pondered over. If the temptation is at once rejected that ends it. If the suggestion is harbored a fight takes place between the true love and the false love (if love it be). If the false love conquers, true love takes flight and with true love goes honor and virtue, long before there is any overt act or manifestation. From that time when true love is vanquished the person who has yielded feels guilty and shows how ill at ease he feels when in the presence of the one time loved one, by his furtive glances, downcast eyes and a desire to get alone.

Many homes are so ruined, but for shame's sake the semblance of union is maintained and the woman is still Mrs. Jones though down in her heart she belongs to Brown, not Jones. There are always the three parties, the two who ought to be one and the third or interfering party. No woman can have a friendship amounting to pure love for both the

other parties at one and the same time.

In Isaiah, Ekekiel, Matthew and James God calls adulterers those who, while professing to be His or who once were His, turn away from Him to flirt with the world, the flesh and the devil; we are His by a tie stronger than any earthly affection. We have vowed that we will love Him and honor Him and forsaking all others keep ourselves only unto Him. High heaven has heard that solemn vow. Yet in spite of having once voluntarily taken this vow there are many who are His only in name, for their heart now belongs not to Christ, but to a third party.

Who is this third party? Satan is really the third party, but he uses the world as his agent or procurer. He was sorry to lose that soul and now he wants to win it back. So the old world acts for him. It woos and offers its favors and presents and love and says, "All these will I give thee if thou wilt only fall down and worship me." But say, we belong to Jesus; we have recorded our vows in heaven and if in even the least degree we take up with the spirit or ways of the world we are false to that bond of union.

The temptation will come, but we can utterly reject it if we will, and that ends the thing right there. If we harbor the suggestion, at once a fight is on and if we cling to the suggestion, love for Jesus dies out, and with love, spiritual virtue and honor expire. We may still claim to be the Lord's but friendship for the world makes manifest that we have sacrificed and lost the friendship of Jesus Christ. If the woman can not have in her heart a friendship amounting to pure love, for both the other parties, at one and the same time, no more can a person love the world in even the tiniest corner of the heart and at the same time love Jesus, as He demands of us, with all the heart, and soul and strength and mind. Hence we read in I. John 2:15, "Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world the love of the Father is not in him."

We find three classes of spiritual adulterers and adulteresses: (a) those who have been stirred up by the Spirit, are unwilling to yield, never do yield and yet somehow have gotten into the churches and are what are termed nominal Christians; (b) the second class are those who once knew the saving power of God but listening to the world's solicitations have yielded and forsaking God have now gone into open fellowship with the world; (c) the third class are those who while hesitating to do any overt act are nevertheless, in their hearts, in love with the world. Yet even with the last class there are soon evidences of the backslidden state of heart. Such a state of affairs brings forth the sneer from sinners and causes real Christians to sigh and cry over the abominations around them.

In Romans 7:2 and 3, Paul shows us how that a woman "is bound by the law to her husband so long as he liveth; but if the husband be dead she is loosed from the law of her husband. So if then while her husband liveth she be married to another man she shall be called an adulteress; but if her husband be dead, she is free from that law; so that she is no adulteress, though she be married to another

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