

A Telling Lecture.

We are indebted to Dr. Cuyler for the following touching story: A friend gave me, lately, the experience of a skillful professional man in about the following words: "My early practice," said the doctor, "was successful, and I soon attained an enviable position. I married a lovely girl; two children were born to us, and my domestic happiness was complete. But I was invited often to social parties where wine was freely circulated, and I soon became a slave to its power. Before I was aware of it, I was a drunkard. My noble wife never forsook me, nevtainted me with a bitter word, never ceased to pray for my reformation. We became wretchedly poor, so that my family was pinched for daily bread. One beautiful Sabbath my wife went to church, and left me on the lounge sleeping off my previous night's debauch. I was roused by hearing something fall heavily on the floor. I opened my eyes, and saw my little boy of six years tumbling on the carpet. His older brother said to him: 'Now get up and fall again. That's the way papa does. Let's play we are drunk.' I watched the child as he personated my beastly movements in a way that would have done credit to an actor. I arose and left the house, groaning in agony and remorse. I walked off miles into the country—thinking over the abominable sin and example I was setting before my children. I solemnly resolved that with God's help I would quit my cup, and I did. No lecture I ever heard from Mr. Gough moved my soul like the spectacle of my own sweet boys 'playing drunk, as papa does.'"—Telescope.

The Milwaukee Sentinel for March 22d, contains the following, with the signatures of some fifty ministers of the city attached:

The undersigned, ministers of the city of Milwaukee, desiring to secure a better observance of the Sabbath, have adopted the following statement of opinions held in common, as a basis for united appeal to the general public:

- 1. One day in seven, as a day of rest from ordinary toil, is a necessity of man's physical, intellectual and moral nature.
2. Being a necessity, its establishment is grounded in the nature of things.
3. Whatsoever is grounded in the nature of things is of divine obligation.
4. Therefore it is of divine law that one day in the week shall be observed as the day of rest.
5. Such divine law has been set forth in the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.
6. Since by the established custom of centuries and the common consent of the Christian nations of the world, the first day of the week is recognized as that day of rest, it is fitting that the divine obligation for the observance of one day should be applied to such day already established.
7. A day of rest from ordinary vocations, established by divine law, becomes a divine gift to men, affording the much-needed opportunity for the cultivation of the higher faculties of human nature, intellectual, spiritual and moral.
8. It is positively suicidal, therefore, that men should waste a day, rich in opportunities, in idleness or dissipation.
9. But it is every man's duty to make good use of the day and to avail himself of all the aids afforded, by good reading and the public worship of God, to develop in himself those higher faculties of his nature, for which the ordinary vocations of six days in the week afford so little opportunity.
10. It is his duty to himself, his family, society and the future, to use every opportunity for raising the moral tone and moral standard in himself and others, and so carry on the great work of transforming this world into a kingdom of righteousness.

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