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Friday Afternoon

By George L. Ehrman

*A tall thin woman,
Working methodically,
Her movements determined
And decisive,
Stepped from the church door
And shook her dusting cloth
In the face of the world's indifference.*

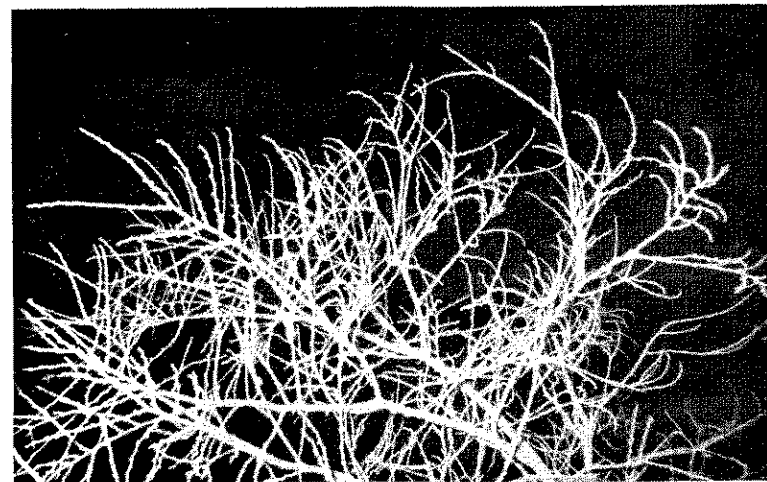
*Let tomorrow come . . .
Let the world pass by . . .
The church was ready for her God—
She had done what she could.*

"Go, set a watchman,
Let him declare what he seeth."

—ISAIAH 21:6—

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—JOHN 14:6—

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WHO DID IT? . . .

Mr. "X" Is Guilty

By William H. Grotheer,

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ONE OF THE MOST important questions in the fields of religious discussion is the question concerning the day of public worship. In the beginning at creation, God sanctified and blessed the seventh day of the first week, because "that in it he had rested" (Gen. 2:2, 3). In the Law of God as stated in the Ten Commandments, this same seventh day is recognized. "The seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God," so reads the Law (Ex. 20:8-11). Today the vast majority of the Christian world observes Sunday, the first day of the week, as the day for public worship.

First, so that there will be no misunderstanding as to what day is which, let us notice the Bible differentiation of these two days. In Mark 16:9, it is stated, "When Jesus was risen early the first day of the week." Now that day is recognized by most Christians each year as "Easter Sunday." You cannot have "Sunday" the seventh day of the week fifty-one weeks of each year, and then on one week call it the first day of the week. No, Sunday is the first day of every week, fifty-two weeks of each year, and Saturday is the seventh day of each week.

Now to the question of this article: Why is there this change in the day of worship from the seventh day as observed by God in the beginning, and commanded by

Him, to the first day, as presently observed by many? Who did it? And why was this change made? In checking this transition, we shall note it under seven propositions, and give the answers from the Bible and recognized historical sources.

1. God did not authorize the change.

The very character and nature of God are portrayed in the Bible as changeless. In James 1:17 we read: "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." To alter, or to vary in the least that which is perfect, would be to make it imperfect. God is perfect, that which He gives is perfect; therefore there is no need of change. We are told by the Psalmist that the "law of the Lord is perfect . . ." (Ps. 19:7). This Law, which contains the commandment concerning the Sabbath, came down from the hand of God, writ-

ten with the finger of God (Ex. 31:18). Since there is no shadow of turning with God, and He does not vary, God cannot be charged with vacillation and change in the matter of the day of worship.

2. Jesus Christ would not change the Sabbath.

When Jesus Christ came into this world as a man to reveal God to man, He came with one avowed purpose; He declares: "For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me" (John 6:38). In His ministry, He testified to the eternal nature of the Father's commandments. He said: "I know that his commandment is life everlasting" (John 12:49, 50). At the close of His ministry, as He stood in the shadow of the cross, He testified of His life: "I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love" (John 15:10). In keeping these Commandments, as a dutiful Son and our Example as sons of God, He observed the Sabbath. Luke tells us that "as his custom was, he went into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up for to read" (Luke 4:16). Thus Jesus, Whom Paul declares to be "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8), would not alter the Father's Commandments. Instead He kept them perfectly, as the perfect Gift from the Father of lights.

3. The Apostles couldn't change the Sabbath.

Contrary to popular concept, the apostles had no authority to alter the commands of God. They

could not even tamper with the teachings of Jesus. For they were men under bonds. These commissioned men were restricted by divine pronouncement. Jesus declared to them: "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations . . . teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you . . ." (Matt. 28:19, 20). Thus, in their teaching and practice they were limited to the Commandments of Jesus, Who in turn revealed in life and teaching the Commandments of the Father. What did these men teach? Let us note them one by one, of those whose writings we have:

a. Paul, apostle to the Gentiles: "Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law" (Rom. 3:31). "Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just and good" (Rom. 7:12).

b. James, servant of God and the Lord Jesus Christ: "For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. . . . So speak ye, and so do, as they that shall be judged by the law of liberty" (James 2:10-12).

c. John, the beloved apostle: "Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous" (1 John 5:3).

When we check their practice, how did they live in regard to their teaching as commissioned men? In the record of the book of Acts, we have primarily the min-

istry of Paul. So we shall note his conduct. On the first missionary tour, Paul came to Antioch, and on the Sabbath went into the synagogue. After he spoke to the Jews, the Gentiles requested that they might hear also, and on the following Sabbath, the whole city came to hear the Word of God (Acts 13:14, 42-44). Then on another occasion, while at Philippi, on the Sabbath, Paul went out by the riverside for prayer and preaching (Acts 16:12, 13; see also Acts 17:2 and 18:4). So these ambassadors acted only in their official capacity as representatives of the government of God that alters not nor varies.

4. The change in the day of worship came gradually after the passing of the Apostles.

It is indeed interesting that the apostle Paul took note in a farewell message that after his departure, there would come a perversion of the way of God. Note his words: "For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you . . . speaking perverse things" (Acts 20:29, 30). How disconcerting it must have been for the great Apostle to know that after he finished the spiritual battle, others would come after him changing the way and teaching that they had been commissioned to teach.

Of this change in the matter of the Sabbath, we are told by Archdeacon F. W. Farrar: "The Christian church made no formal, but a gradual and almost unconscious transference from one day to the other" (*Voice from Sinai* p. 167; London 1892).

Dr. Augustus Neander, who has been described as "prince of church historians," makes this bold analysis: "The festival of Sunday, like all other festivals, was always only a human ordinance, and it was far from the intentions of the apostles to establish a divine command in this respect; far from them, and from the early Church, to transfer the laws of the Sabbath to Sunday. Perhaps, at the end of the second century, a false application of this kind had begun to take place; for men appeared by that time to have considered laboring on Sunday a sin" (*The History of the Christian Religion and Church* p. 186; Philadelphia 1843).

Socrates, a church historian living in the fourth century after Christ, noted the practice of his day in regard to the Sabbath in these words: "For although almost all churches throughout the world celebrate the sacred mysteries on the Sabbath of every week, yet Christians of Alexandria and at Rome, on account of some ancient tradition, have ceased to do this" (*Ecclesiastical History* b. 5, ch. 22).

Sozomen, another church historian living at the same period, observes: "The people of Constantinople, and almost every where, assemble together on the Sabbath, as well as the first day of the week, which custom is never observed at Rome or at Alexandria" (*Ecclesiastical History* b. 7, ch. 19). Thus we see that as early as 200 A.D. a change came into the practice of the Christian church, but even as late as 400

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The Ten Commandments

By Elder J. G. Hawkins, pastor,
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There are many people today who believe that the holy Ten Commandments did not exist until God gave them to Moses at Mount Sinai. They believe this, not because they read it in the Bible, but because they have been taught it by teachers, who have made the Commandments of God of none effect by their tradition (Matt. 15:6-9). Such men, or teachers, began to come into the church in the days of the Apostles (2 Thess. 2:7; Jude 3, 4; 3 John 9, 10). These men from that day to this have twisted God's Word to their own destruction, and have led untold millions astray (See 2 Peter 3:15, 17).

The law of God, (the Ten Commandments) has always existed. It is indestructible. It is the very nature of God. Everything that God does is planned according to the Ten Commandments. God cannot act against the Ten Commandments, any more than you could live without breath, because to do so would be sin, and God cannot sin. The devil is the author of sin, and all who teach against God's Law are of the devil (1 John 3:4, 8). "Sin is the transgression of the law" (1 John 3:4). What law? James tell us that, "Who-soever shall keep the whole law, and yet offend in one point, he is guilty of all. For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou commit no

adultery, yet if thou kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law" (James 2:10, 11).

This shows that it is the indestructible Ten Commandments, that it is a sin to transgress. You find this Law written in its fullness in Exodus 20:1-17. If this Law did not exist, there would be no sin, and if there were no sin, there would be no sinners, and we would not need a Saviour. Therefore Jesus Christ would have died in vain, because He came to die for sinners (1 Cor. 15:3; Rom. 5:8).

Yes, where there is no Law, there can be no transgression (Rom. 4:15). For by the Law is the knowledge of sin; it tells us what sin is (Rom. 3:20).

The Apostle Paul said he would not have known it was wrong to lust except the last of the Ten Commandments said, "Thou shalt not covet" (Rom. 7:7). So if Paul did not know what sin was except by the law, then you and I cannot know what sin is, except by the Law.

Now, where there is no law, sin does not exist (Rom. 5:13). But

sin came into the world through Adam (Rom. 5:12-16, 21). So if sin came through Adam, the Law of God had to exist, otherwise Adam could not have sinned. So let us see if the Ten Commandments did exist before Moses and Aaron.

The first place where one of the Ten Commandments is spoken of is Genesis 2:2, 3: "And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made." We see the fourth of the Ten Commandments in force back at creation. Now Genesis 3:6, shows that Eve began to desire or lust after the fruit of the tree that God said she and her husband were not to eat of. Now if there had been no commandment that said, "Thou shalt not covet," it would have been all right for Eve to have looked upon this tree with desire in her heart (Rom. 7:7; Matt. 5:28).

If there had been no law that said, "Thou shalt not steal," it would not have been sin for Eve to take the fruit and eat of it; it would have been as much hers as God's. If there had been no law that said "Honour thy father and thy mother," it wouldn't have been wrong for them to dishonor the only Parent they had, in disobeying Him. Yes, Adam and Eve had the indestructible Ten Commandments.

If there had not been a Law that said "Thou shalt not kill,"

it would not have been sin for Cain to become so angry with his brother Abel that he killed him. But the Bible says Cain sinned when he became angry and killed his brother (Gen. 4:3, 8; 1 John 3:11-15). There is no sin against God or man that the Ten Commandments do not cover. So if the Ten Commandments did not exist in the days of Noah, God was unjust in destroying the antediluvian world. For if the Apostle Paul did not know that it was wrong to lust, except the commandment had said, "Thou shalt not covet," how could these antediluvians know that it was wicked to kill, steal, commit adultery, without a law that said thou shalt not do these things (Rom. 7:7; Gen. 6:1-13; 2 Peter 2:5)?

Peter said Noah was "a preacher of righteousness." David was inspired to write that, God's righteousness endureth forever, that His commandments are sure, standing fast forever and ever (Psa. 111:3, 8). There is no other righteousness that does not originate in God's holy Law of Ten Commandments. This is from time beginning, even forever. Friend, don't fight the Law of God; "if thou wilt enter into life, keep the commandments," as they are written (Matt. 19:17).

The father of the faithful, Abraham, received the promise that through his seed all the nations of the earth would be blessed "because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws" (Gen. 26:3, 5). If you will be his seed through Christ, you will have to obey God, even

The True Motive in Commandment Keeping

By P. T. Morrison

as Abraham did. The Ten Commandments existed in Abraham's day and they still exist today. Christ has become the author of salvation to those who obey Him (Heb. 5:9).

The people of Sodom, in Abraham and Lot's day, were sinners before the Lord exceedingly (Gen. 13:13). They committed many unlawful deeds (2 Peter 2:7, 8). Their deeds could not have been unlawful if there were no law. They could not have been sinners unless the law had said "thou shalt not." God did not drive the Amorites out in Abraham's time because their sins had not "reached their fullness"; they had not sinned away their day of grace (Gen. 15:16). What were their sins? Did they have the Ten Commandments? Yes, they were judged by the Ten Commandments. You will find a list of their sins in Leviticus 18:30; 19:26, 27; 20:1, 23; 1 Kings 21:26. You find by studying these Scriptures that the nations in the time of Abraham were breaking the Ten Commandment Law, and that is the reason they were destroyed. The Bible says they committed all these things that God forbade the Israelites, such as idol worship, adultery, Sabbath breaking, etc.

God is a just God, and He did not destroy these nations for doing something that they did not know was sin. Therefore the law has always been in effect for all nations.

Joseph had been instructed by his father, and his grandfather, his father before him, to keep the Ten Commandments (Gen. 18:19), so that when the Egyptian

woman tried to cause him to commit adultery, he said, "How then can I do this great wickedness, and SIN [transgression of the Law] against God?" (Gen. 39:9). Yes, I defy any man to attempt to show by the Bible that there has ever been a time when the Ten Commandments did not exist, and that there has ever been a time when God passed judgment upon any man or nation for anything else than breaking the Ten Commandment Law of God.

The Apostle Paul describes the nations as once knowing God, and the only way you can know God is by keeping His Commandments (1 John 2:3, 4). "When they knew God, . . . they became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened." So they began to break the Law of God, and God gave them over to a reprobate mind (Rom. 1:21-32). And this is the condition we find the world in today.

So I would beg you to come out of the world, accept Jesus as your sacrifice for breaking the Holy Law of God. Let Him cover your sins. He will do so if you repent (Acts 2:38). He will become the Author of your salvation if you will obey Him (Heb. 5:9).

"And the Spirit and the bride say, COME. And let him that heareth say, COME. And let him that is athirst COME. And whosoever will let him take of the water of life freely. . . . The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen." (Rev. 22:17-21).

—From *Advocate of Truth*

It takes a lot of knowledge to realize how little you know.

ALL TRUE reformers, from the beginning of the world to the present day, have been conscientious Commandment keepers. Our Lord through His Spirit revealed light unto them. God is too good to give too much light at once to those coming out of deep darkness. With the command God gave, power to obey.

Those trying to work their way into Heaven by keeping the Commandments or by trying to pass a law to force others to keep the ten that are between them and their God as He reveals Himself to them, are attempting an impossibility.

It is God that worketh in you to do His will in working out your own salvation in trembling and fear. "Without me ye can do nothing," said Jesus. That is, do nothing according to His will. Those without Christ are under another power and finally will become like this power in character, day by day yielding to the enemy of our Lord, and he will then gain complete control. One then becomes hardened in sin, dead to all righteousness and has grieved away the Holy Spirit.

Every temptation resisted, by trusting in our Lord for power (and this is faith), makes us stronger and more and more able to keep on resisting, until our charac-

ter becomes fixed into the likeness of Christ.

When one takes hold of Christ's promises in faith, the seed of God's love is implanted in his heart and he is born again. But he is still a babe and must keep on growing in grace and knowledge of our Lord as long as he lives.

The seed of God's love in our heart makes us filled with true gratitude for being saved from our natural inclinations to do evil. We long to do something to please our Saviour. He says "If ye love me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). This will, as His Spirit convicts the "self," make us cry out: "Oh, Father, please help. I am helpless to do Thy Holy will all by myself. Thou hast promised, so I believe; help thou mine unbelief."

"The carnal mind is . . . not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be" (Rom. 8:7). We all are born with this carnal mind, and righteous God, through the sacrifice of Christ, has made a way of escape. He says "I, if I be lifted up, . . . will draw all men unto me" (John 12:32). Christ draws every living human being unto Him by His Spirit, calling him to come. If he refuses to come he will become the property of the enemy

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News About "Echoes From Eden"

There is GOOD NEWS as we look into our radio mailbag. As you know, we are on TWO large radio stations every Tuesday evening: XEG, a 150,000-watt station, at 11:00 p.m. C.S.T., and XERB, a 50,000-watt station at 7:30 p.m. P.S.T. We have many thousands of listeners every Tuesday night and our mailbag brings requests for literature on God's Holy Law and Sabbath day. I know that 11:00 p.m. is a late time for a radio broadcast, and surely an earlier time would give a larger listening audience. An earlier time is much more expensive and our budget will not permit it at this time. The response has been surprisingly GOOD for that late hour.

From Arkansas a lady writes: "I heard your program on XEG last night and like your message. Will you please send me some of your literature?" Other XEG listeners write in from Houston, El Paso, and Brownwood, Tex. From Oklahoma, Arizona, and even from Georgia we hear from our listeners. Response is coming from listeners to XERB in California. We are mailing to each one our printed series of 13 lessons on God's Law and His holy Sabbath day. We also receive urgent requests for help in finding Bible answers to questions pertaining to the law and the Sabbath.

I tell you this, brethren, because I want you to know that our labor

is reaching the people and doing good. Multitudes who listen never write in, but they hear and only in eternity will we know the extent of good done. I personally know of some who have started keeping the Sabbath as a result of our radio ministry. Our labor is NOT in vain; let us keep it up.

Facing a Crisis . . . Jan. 1 Deadline

Friends, the B.S.A. radio work faces a crisis; it is very serious indeed. Offerings for the radio fund have fallen off drastically in the last two months. Our secretary writes us, "Unless the trend reverses there is a distinct possibility NO FUNDS will be available for Jan., 1963, broadcasts." Pray with us over this matter and then do what God lays on your heart to do about it. Help must come at once if we are to continue this radio ministry. Radio is one of the better means of getting the Sabbath Truth before the people. Hundreds of thousands hear our message every week. Can we do better for the same price in any other way? Jesus is coming soon and time is precious for the work of warning people. Shall we stop this radio voice now, or shall we get behind it and enlarge it to God's glory? Why not, everyone, send an offering, large or small, today. Mark it "For the radio fund." Don't forget that Jan. 1 is our deadline. God is expecting us

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"Remember the Sabbath"

By John C. Sprowles

When God gave the Sabbath at creation, He was all wise in doing so. Many modern medical experts tell us that a man needs a day off from his usual pursuits once a week. Man has a need by nature for this weekly rest day and God has shown His infinite wisdom in telling man to keep His Sabbath. Some claim that the Sabbath applies to the Jew alone. This is proven wrong by the fact that God gave the Sabbath before there even was a Jew on earth. The Sabbath applies to the Jew, but it also applies to the Gentile. The fact that the Jews almost alone keep the Sabbath today has confused many into believing that this holy day is Jewish, when it is not.

The command, "Remember the Sabbath," means just what it says. We remember only what we have known before. This proves that the seventh-day Sabbath was in effect long before the giving of the Ten Commandments. The Sabbath is a day of honor to the Creator of the world. It honors creation. Some will laugh at this in our modern society where the non-proven evolution idea abounds, but all children of God know His voice and they follow His will. God says, "Remember the Sabbath." He that is of God hears God's words.

Now we come to those who claim that it doesn't matter which day we keep as long as we keep one day in seven. Yet how can these people really justify such a stand in the light of the Scrip-

From the
Mailbag



Conducted by Mrs. Ruby C. Babcock

"In *The Christian Patriot* for October, '62, from 804 Penn. Ave., Pittsburg 21, Pa., there is a radio log with a note at the bottom which says, 'Sabbath, commonly called Sunday.'

"Since a bill to have 'The Christian Amendment' adopted by Congress was introduced into Congress last year, I suggest that all Bible Sabbathkeepers and Truth lovers send each Congressman one of our new calendars with a copy of our alternate-month calendar, and ask that when or if the bill comes up for consideration, he insist that the seventh day be named 'Sabbath' on all our calendars to agree with the Word of God."

—Mrs. R. (Mary) E. J. Armstrong
229 E. Prospect, Kewanee, Ill.

tures? God named the day He wanted observed. He left no doubt. He knew men would some day try to twist the Sabbath to their own evil wills and ways. He made dead sure that no one could honestly distort the Sabbath.

"Remember the Sabbath," the day which the Lord has made. Remember it—keep it—observe it. A true Christian could do nothing else.

When in deep water, much depends on keeping the mouth closed.



Spotlight on the Sabbath

Compiled by the Editor

Mixed-Up Minister

Writing in the Oct. 26 issue of *Christianity Today*, Samuel A. Jeanes, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Merchantville, N. J., and general secretary of the state Lord's Day Alliance, stated, "It should be determined, once and for all, that Sunday laws are not religious laws." Later in the article, "Never on Sunday," he said, "No one will deny that in the early days of our history they had a religious motivation, but this is not a basic reason we observe them."

He maintained that "It has never been established in any specific case that Sunday laws have curtailed religious freedom," but admitted that "economic injury" resulted.

In a masterpiece of mixed-up mental maneuvering, he ended with the proposition: "And what about those who sincerely observe another day? We would urge them to continue to support the day which we now enjoy and at the same time to work for a recognition of their day as well. Today's trend is toward a work-week of

five days, not six, and certainly not seven. They will find many supporters coming to their assistance."

As we read this article, we chewed on most of the statements and found they had a familiar sour taste. But that final paragraph! We adjusted our glasses and read it again, and still it said the same thing—in essence, "you help us get Sunday laws and then maybe we'll consider helping you get laws restricting Sabbath labor." It reminds us of a boy who said to his little brother, "You pay for a candy bar and let me eat what I want, and then if there's any left, you may have it."

Somehow, it is hard to imagine the Lord's Day Alliance distributing stickers and bumper cards, "Save the Sabbath" or "The American Way—Sabbath for Church—Not for Business." It seems possible the organization might lose some of its zeal after Sunday laws become general.

The misguided minister forgets something else. Practically all (if not all) Sabbathkeepers have learned that Sabbath observance is not something to be controlled by man's laws, but is a matter of the heart; outward conformity to a man-made law would not "make" people keep the Sabbath, for much more is involved than a rest from secular labor. Any man-made Sabbath law is undesirable.

And still we are left with two questions: "If Sunday laws are *not* religious laws, why are ministers among their most vociferous proponents? And why the name "Lord's Day Alliance"?"

Presbyterians Recommend

The United Presbyterian Church recently held its 174th General Assembly in Denver, Colo. At this session, the special committee on church and state recommended that:

"1. United Presbyterians not try to make existing laws more stringent in their prohibitions of Sunday activities, nor seek to pass such laws where they do not exist. Such efforts are not conducive to an effective witness to Jesus Christ, regardless of what motives them.

"2. United Presbyterians carefully investigate the effect of existing Sunday laws on persons who, because of their faith, voluntarily cease economic activity on a day other than Sunday, and are required by law to cease their economic activity on Sunday as well. United Presbyterians should seek amendments exempting such persons from Sunday laws as a part of an authentic concern about their fellow men.

"3. Where, as in some states, specific exemptions of Sunday closing laws appear to be arbitrary in the extreme and bear little, if any, apparent relationship to public safety, health, morals, or welfare, United Presbyterians, after careful study, seek amendments that will mitigate these arbitrary provisions."

Ship Alters Schedule

Pitcairn Island is inhabited by the survivors of the mutineers of *H.M.S. Bounty* many years ago. The approximately 200 natives of the two-square-mile island in the

South Pacific are all members of the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Many of the ships that stop at Pitcairn Island are small, carrying around 100 passengers to whom the people sell their wares. So there was some dismay on the island when it was learned that the big ship *Willem Ruys*, on which they depend for much of their trading, was for the first time coming in on the Sabbath, and with Mr. Fletcher John Christian on board, returning from his world trip, as reported by Mrs. Don Davies, the minister's wife, in *The Australasian Record*.

She writes: "This meant a tremendous temptation for quite a few of the people. John, of course, being on board, tried to have a change made, but nothing could be done about it. However, my husband felt impressed to wire the captain asking if it was not possible to slow the ship down so that it would get here three hours later, after sunset. The radio operator was most sceptical about this request, and we prayed much about it.

"Imagine our delight when the captain graciously replied that he would come in as planned, but to fill the time he would circle the island in the remaining daylight to give his 1,300 passengers a good look at the place. He would then stay for two hours after the Sabbath to give our folk time for trading."

Isn't that wonderful—a huge luxury liner altering its schedule to accommodate Sabbathkeepers! This favor speaks well for the

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Why So Narrow?

HOW CAN you fill up a magazine each month when its content is limited, as it is in the *Sentinel*?" is a question which comes to us often, though phrased in different words. True, the subject matter of this magazine is limited to promoting the Ten Commandment Law and the Sabbath commanded by that law. And that brings up another question often asked: "Why do you keep harping on the Sabbath, when there are so many other aspects of the gospel which are of equal or greater importance?"

Let's answer both of these questions this month.

Limited subject matter, does someone say? We passed a magazine stand the other day, and noticed magazines on limited subjects—hi-fi, stamps, organic gardening, shorthand—and they were thick enough to give the impression that the editors had no trouble finding enough to fill them up.

If ever a subject is *not* limited, that subject is the Sabbath. In its widest aspects it includes such interesting ideas for articles as, how to keep the Sabbath, how to present the Sabbath truth effectively, how someone found and accepted the Sabbath truth, the place of the Sabbath in one's religious experience, the Sabbath in history (we are hoping to have one next March showing that St. Patrick kept the Sabbath), and so on ad infinitum,

besides the more obvious Bible studies on the Sabbath. We must not forget a type of article which is always welcome—an interesting story of a group of Sabbathkeepers, with perhaps a picture of their church or meeting place. So, prospective writers, let your imagination, guided by the Holy Spirit, have free reign, and new avenues of presenting the Sabbath truth will open up.

The second point: does the Bible Sabbath Association overemphasize the Sabbath? We think not. We, as individual members, recognize that there are many other aspects of the gospel, each vitally important in its own right. The various denominations represented in our membership do not fully agree on all these points, and to include them in THE SABBATH SENTINEL would cause controversy and destroy the effectiveness of this unique organization. Our purpose, as the Lord has led us to see it, is to present the Sabbath truth to a world which has largely forgotten it, knowing that, generally speaking, a person who is ready to accept the Sabbath truth has already accepted Christ as his Saviour and is also attempting to follow Him in other phases of living.

So if our "harping" on the Sabbath wins one person to accept Jehovah's memorial of creation and to keep it, it will have been well worth our while. And, prospective writers—won't you please help us to "harp" even more forcefully?

If your knees are knocking for fear of something, try kneeling on them.

MR. "X" IS GUILTY

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A.D. many of the Christians were still observing the Sabbath day.

In *Webster's Encyclopedic Dictionary* published in Chicago in 1942, in the section on General Information under the article "Sunday" we have this summary of facts that took place during this time: "Sunday, the first day of the week. In ancient times it was the day on which the sun was worshiped. In the early days of the church Christians began to observe the first day of the week in honor of the resurrection in addition to keeping the seventh-day Sabbath of the Decalogue. Gradually the seventh-day Sabbath was abandoned and the first day adopted, though without any Biblical authority, as the Christian rest day."

It appears on the basis of history, the church after the passing of the apostles began to keep two days—Sabbath and Sunday. Then over a period of time, the Sabbath was forgotten, and in its place the first day of the week was observed. This perverting, of which the Apostle Paul warned,

seemed to be centered in Rome and Alexandria, Egypt.

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SPOTLIGHT

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influence over the years of the Pitcairn people and of Brother John Christian particularly while he was aboard the boat.

Oppose World Calendar

Jewish leaders in Jerusalem oppose proposals for a World Calendar by "international institutions." Such a calendar would cause the observance of the Sabbath to fluctuate—or be very difficult to maintain in purity.

We urge you to send us any news items about Sunday laws and their enforcement that you find in your local papers. Clip them, write the name of paper and date, and send them—preferably by airmail—to the editorial office.

Two necessities in doing any great and important work seem to be: (1) a definite plan, and (2) a limited time in which to do it.

"ECHOES FROM EDEN"

Our very own Bible Sabbath Association radio broadcast needs your prayer support, your financial support, and your active support in gaining listeners. Advertise it in your weekly newspaper; send your offerings for the expense; and pray for souls to be won.

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to do our best. Pray for this work, brethren, and may the God of peace be with you is our prayer.

Yours in Christ,
Frank M. Walker,
Chairman, Radio Committee

The houses in which Christians live speak for us, sometimes much more plainly than the words we say. Pictures on the walls, books in the shelves, phonograph records, provisions for recreation and entertainment, as well as other furnishings, bear unimpeachable testimony either for or against the Saviour. The way a house is kept indicates whether it is only a house or a home.

—Virginia Ely in *Stewardship: Witnessing for Christ* (Fleming H. Revell Company)

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—Lawrence Burrell, sec'y-treas.
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When you brood over your troubles you hatch despair.

This Month's Cover Picture

To many persons, spring is the time when the creatorship of the Father is most fully revealed, and the beauty of new life bursting forth proclaims the power of God. But at all times of the year, Jehovah reminds man of Him through nature. On the frost-covered branches of a leafless tree before sunup of a winter morning is a reminder that "by the breath of God frost is given..." (Job 37:10).

THE TRUE MOTIVE IN COMMANDMENT KEEPING

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of souls and share his fate as the automatic results of his gross neglect of so great salvation.

When we believe Christ through His Spirit has forgiven us all and is creating a new creature, day by day imparting His character, we will delight to do His will, His Law being engraven in our hearts. The truly saved keep the Law because they are saved. It is Christ in them carrying out His will. The unsaved cannot keep it. How can a wicked dealer in death and misery keep anything holy?

We cannot make people holy by passing any law to make them keep the Sabbath nor by making hypocrites of them. True Sabbath-keepers want no part of imparting righteousness by passing an unrighteous law.

FAITHFUL MEMBER DIES

Peter Korschuh of Cheadle, Alberta, Canada, passed away in September, according to a note from his daughter. Brother Korschuh was in his early 60's and

had been an active member of B.S.A for some time. He purchased and distributed thousands of pieces of B.S.A. literature and was indeed zealous for Sabbath truth.

Sabbath Evening

The sun rolls down the distant west,

*Soft twilight steals abroad
To welcome in the day of rest,
The Sabbath of the Lord.*

*This holy day let us begin
With songs of praise to God,
Who pardons all our guilt and sin,
Through Jesus' precious blood.*

*Now in this tranquil hour we lay
All worldly cares aside;
And hallow God's most holy day;
Though friends or foes may chide.*

*For God in great creation's week
Did rest upon this day:
Now let us for his mercy seek;
He'll not turn us away.*

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