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THIRD PRESBYTERY.

The autumnal stated meeting of the Third Presbytery of Philadelphia was held on Tuesday of last week, in the Southwestern (Rev. J. McLeod's) Church. Rev. H. Augustus Smith was chosen Moderator, and Rev. Martin P. Jones, Temporary Clerk. One new member was received-Rev. Irving L. Beaman, from the Presbytery of Cortland, and arrangements were made for his installation, on the evening of the 11th inst., as pastor of the Logan Square Church. The appointments for the service are the Moderator to preside, Dr. Butler to preach the sermon, Dr. March to deliver the charge to the pastor, and Dr. Patton, late pastor, that to the congregation.

Standing Committees were ordered, and it is expected they will this week. at an adjourned meeting, be appointed to secure the co-operation of the churches in the work of the Assembly's new Permanent Committee on Sabbathschools, and also to promote the Supplemental Fund of the Church Erection Committee.

The narratives of the state of religion in churches, covering only the last six months, including the long summer vacations, presented few features of special interest. The West Chester Church was, however, an exception. There the influences of the extensive of Iowa City, after careful deliberation and revival, reported last spring, have come along down through the season, and considerable and interesting additions have been made to the church. The pastors of most of the churches reported a pleasant state of religious feeling, and some of them, particularly the Pottsville pastor, already beheld indications

In the evening the Presbyterial sermon was preached by the last Moderator, Rev. Isaac Riley. Its purportand excellently it was carried out-was to exhibit the power of love, and its superiority to mere conscientiousness Nicholas Oakes, as Trustees, for the preserrespecting the performance of simple vation of their property. duty, for promoting and sustaining Christian faithfulness and usefalness. Peculiarly pertinent illustrations were drawn from the history of the times. There was a liberal turn-out from the congregation to this service-a thing which, we are sorry to say, is none too common at Presbyterial religious services in our churches. It was to the Presbytery one of the most interesting circumstances of this meeting, thus to meet with this congregation, and congratulate them on the completion, debtfree, of their spacious and really beautiful house of worship, finished and furnished to the utmost requirement of comfort and wholesome taste; and to sing with these "old country" bretbren their hearty praises in the lan guage of their old Rouse's version, a connecting link with their historic ecclesiasticism, preserving to them in their present relations the flavor of the old. sion to the urn to their request. The Presbytery felt it not in vain that, when this church was in deep waters. it assumed in its behalf heavy responsibilities, and encouraged it to hold on and hope on. It has now few if any churches through which it feels itself more honored, or where it is doing a better work.

upon them and thoroughly restored to | 4. We commend to the consideration | activity all the old rebel spirit of proof the churches, the action of our late scription and hate. There was now no General Assembly, which asserts that Church of Mt. Zion asked and obtained Presbyterian minister in Nashville to the use of intoxicating drinks as a bevbestow on him the common civilities of erage, however moderately, is contrary a gentleman, to say nothing of those to the word of God. due from one minister to another; and

fact, the incorruptibly loyal people now

in Nashville will not be compelled to

News of our Churches.

EDITOR AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN-

LAWRENCE, KANSAS.

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tender our unfeigned thanks.

Respectfully, W. P. MONTGOMERY,

Pres. Church, Lawrence, Kansas.

n session at Marengo, Sept. 12, 1866.

I. That the action of the Session, Trus-

report to Presbytery as follows:

IOWA CITY PRESBYTERY .---

5. We recommend that this cause be no church but his own where he would made much more prominent in all our be allowed to officiate. To a union man, Sabbath-schools.

Nashville was never a more intolerable 6. It is ordered that this testimony place of residence than now; and the be prepared for publication in the followserpent hiss of rebel women never more ing papers :- New York Evangelist keen than now. Our last Lope, he said, American Presbyterian and Christian Herald; and also that it be read in all is now in your impending action. Your doings for the next few days will almost the pulpits of our Synod on the first determine the question whether it will Sabbath in November, or as soon there- our pastors and stated supplies to be safe for me to return-whether, in after as may be.

By order of Synod.

 $Com. \left\{ \begin{array}{c} P. S. \\ T \\ T \\ T \\ \end{array} \right\} DAVIES,$ JOSEPH DICKSON. MEADVILLE, Oct. 1st., 1866.

SYNOD OF IOWA .- At the late session of this Synod, held in Marshalltown, an for the advance of the Home Missionary LETTER OF THANKS .--- A grateful congregation, whose prosperity is now and prospectively of great importance to our iees had applied to the Assembly's Percause in its region, sends us the followmanent Committee for the appointment of a minister whom they had found qualified and willing for the service, as and A. D. Barber giving the charges. Dear Sir :--- I desire to say through Permanent Committee had been comyour columns, for the information of our friends in the East, that we have sucwithhold the appointment. In view of ceeded in furnishing our chapel for the this state of things, the members of the First Presbyterian Church (N. S.) of this city, and our church and Society are now in a most prosperous condition. amount of their respective Home Mis-Rev. Michael Hummer has been greatly sionary collections, and to make that instrumental in bringing about this happy result. He acted as our agent, for a plication for a Synodical Missionary. time, at the East, and immediately on The resolution speaks of the necessity his return gave us a full and most satisfor such a laborer as extreme. The factory report of his agency, giving us statistical report showed that the Syncd in detail the names of churches and individuals who have so kindly assisted has fifty-four ministers, fifty-nine churches two thousand three hundred and fiftyus and relieved our little church of emfour communicants, two licentiates. and four candidates for the ministry. There In behalf of our society, I desire to has been, during the year, an increase of three ministers, two licentiates, three Treas. Board of Trustees of the First churches, and two hundred and sixtyeight communicants.

PRESBYTERY OF HURON .- This Presbytery, at its stated meeting held last The Action of Iowa City Presbytery as to the Schism of the First Constitutional Presby-terian Church of Iowa City, and the Agency therein of Rev. George D. A. He-bard and Rev. Benjamin Talbot. month, found the reports on the state of religion more than commonly interest. ing, showing that God's blessing has attended the labors of his servants in an Extracts from the records of Presbytery unwonted degree. Eight of the churches The committee to whom was referred the matters appertaining to the schism of the First Constitutional Presbyterian Church have, during the year, been specially refreshed with religious influence, amon which those of Milan, Plymouth and Monroeville have had the largest acces is well located, and will seat about consideration, as fully as time would permit, sions. The two former have receive upwards of fifty each, and the latte tees, and a majority of the members of the thirty, by profession. Much int rest wa Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Iowa City, being without advice or authority of manifested in the Presbytery for it City, being without advice or authority of Presbytery, was irregular and disorderly. 2. The Elder, Joseph Love, and the mi-nority, who have proved faithful to the <u>Presbytorian</u> Church, and the Session and Constitutional Presbytorian Church of Iowa City, are entitled by law, ecclesiastical and civil, to all property both real and personal, including all moneys on hand at the time home work, and it was resolved that be recommended to the churches to give up one sermon each month, if necessary n order that the pastors may take the time for ministering in destitute neigh

borhoods including all moneys on hand at the time raised for church purposes. Resolved, That the Constitutional Presby KINGSTON, TENN., PRESBYTERY. Messrs. Editors :--- I am instructed. send you the following report for publ

cation:-The Home Missionary work of the

SALEM, IND. PRESBYTERY .- At the tinct business, and as such, not to be pro- itself, is a venerable ordinance of God; and recent meeting of this Presbytery, the leave to employ Rev. Henry W. Fisk, of Vincennes Presbytery, (O. S.,) as stated supply. The Christian Herald says that he enters upon this field in conjunction with a near Old School church, under very pleasant prospects, and with the hearty good wishes of the Presbytery. At the same meeting, a subject which meets the most serious

an interested party, and endangers the loss of his stock by imperilling the corporate consideration was taken up, and the franchise. following resolution concerning it adout-In the second place, the citizens' bill: It is well settled that a private individual ed, viz : "That it be enjoined on all of may maintain a bill for an injunction in a case of public nuisance, when he suffers a particular injury therefrom. In this case, there is, first, the injury to the citizens at labor and develop the spiritual life and working power of their Sessions in the respective churches; and to this large, in the use of the public streets, on Sunday, without authority of law; and, second, the injury to the complainants, in noise caused by the running of the cars, which disturbs the quiet of the Sabbath, interferes with the complainants' enjoyment of their property in their houses and news end, that the sessions be requested to hold, at least, monthly meetings."

NORTHERN NEW YORK .- The Presbytery of Champlain has given a pastor to important and energetic move was made the church in Essex, a pleasant little town on the west shore of Lake Chamwork within its bounds. It appears plain. Mr. C. N. Wilder was ordained that the Synod's Committee on this sub- and installed in the pastorate there on the 11th ult., Rev. E. Cutter, D.D., Worcester, Mass., preaching the sermon, and Rev. Messrs. H. E. Butler a Synodical Missionary, but that the MINISTERIAL.-The Presbytery of Montrose, on the 12th ult., ordained Mr. pelled, by the state of its treasury, to William A. Dunning to the work of the Gospel ministry. Mr. D. is ministering as Stated Supply to the church in Haw-Synod, by a unanimous vote, pledged ley, Wayne Co., Pa. ____ Rev. German themselves to labor at least to double the H. Chatterton, a recent graduate of the Auburn Seminary, has taken charge of the church in Janesville, Iowa. _____Rev. plcdge the basis of a renewal of the ap S. B. Bell, D.D., formerly of California, is about to be installed at Lyons, N.Y. his relation from the Genesee River Presbytery, Old School, to the Genesee Valley Presbytery, N. S., and is preaching at Belmont, N. Y .---- Rev. S. H. Moore has become Stated Supply of the church at Susquehanna, N. Y.

cars on Sunday-not from any want of firm conviction as to the wrongfulness of so doing, SAN FRANCISCO.-The correspondent but because I have felt that it was not di of The Evangelist says that Dr. Scudrectly in issue in this case, and that my duty did not permit me to diverge from the main der's popularity suffers no abatement, his house being crowded at every serpoint in the case for the discussion of any vice. In a little over a year, which topics, however interesting in themselves, or however important as bearing collaterally on covers the time of his residence here, he the main question. I conclude, in the hope that your Honor has received 120 additions to his church, a large proportion of the number being will grant to the complainants the relief they ask, and, in so doing, will confirm to them in common with all the citizens of Philadelphia, the undisturbed enjoyment of the Sabbath day. Wm. J. McElroy, Esq., continued the argument on behalf of the complainants. After remarking upon the great importance

ARGUMENT FOR THE COMPLAINANTS, In the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Oct. 3d and 5th, Judge Strong upon the Bench.

seeking to shield themselves from the result C. Stuart Patterson, on behalf of the complainants, openened the argument. Mr. Patof an infraction of law; -we to protect ourterson said :- There are to be argued to-day two motions for a special injunction to restrain the Union Passenger Railway Company from running its cars on Sunday; one, at the suit

selves and the community in which we live. nay, even to protect the defendants themselves and all the witnesses they have produced in their behalf, from the evil conse-

orasmuch as it is principally desired and intended by the proprietary and governor, and the freemen of the province of Pennsylvania, and territories thereunto belonging, to make and establish such laws as shall best preserve true Christian and civil liberty, in opposition to all unchristian, licentious, and unjust practices, whereby God may have his due, Cæsar his due, and the people their due, injunction should be granted, because the corporate action complained of is clearly from tyranny and oppression of the one side, and insolence and licentiousness of the other, so that the best and firmest foundation may be laid for the present and future happiness of both the governor and people of this province and territories aforesaid, and their pos-

"Be it therefore enacted, etc., that these managements shall be following chapters and paragraphs shall be the laws of Pennsylvania and the territories thereof:

"1. Almighty God being only Lord of conscience, father of lights and spirits, and conscience, latter of lights and spirits, and the author as well as object of all divine knowledge, faith and worship, who only can enlighten the mind, and persuade and con-vince the understanding of the people in due reverence to his sovereigntylover the souls of mankind. It is enacted by the authority aforesaid, that no person, now or at any time hereafter living in this province, who of their property in their houses and pews in churches; and, in the opinion of many witnesses, has seriously diminished the value of those homes and churches. If the shall confess and acknowledge one Almighty God to be the creator, upholder, and ruler of the world, and that professeth him or herlaw authorized the cars to run on Sunday, self obliged in conscience to live peaceably and the complainants asked the court to enand justly under the civil government, shall in any wise be molested and prejudiced for his join, as the ground of injury to their rights of property, it might then be proper to ask if the damage to them was irreparable; but or her conscientious persuasion or practice, nor shall he or she at any time, be compelled to frein this case, the acts which disturb and anquent any religious worship, place, or minis-try whatever, contrary to his or her mind, but shall freely and fully enjoy his or her noy are forbidden by law, and in order to secure the aid of chancery, it is only necessary to show a substantial injury; the amount of that injury is immaterial; for it has been often decided that a corporation will be kept within the limits of its legal powers, and Christian liberty in that respect, without any interruption or reflection; and if any person shall abuse or deride any other for his or her shall abuse or deride any other for ins or ner different persuasion and practice in matters of religion, such shall be looked upon as a disturber of the peace, and be punished ac-cordingly. But to the end that looseness, that when it oversteps the bounds of law and infringes upon the right of individuals, a court of equity will enjoin. One word as to the penalty imposed by the act of 1794 for the commission of acts irreligion and atheism, may not creep in un der pretence of conscience in this province, be it further enacted by the authority afore-said, that according to the good example of forbidden by it. It will be argued upon the other side, that in the exaction of that pen-alty is our only remedy. That cannot be; for it would convert the penalty into a license; and it has been decided in a late English

the primitive Christians, and for the ease of the creation, every first day of the week, called the Lord's day, people shall abstain from their comon toil and labor, that, whether masters, parents, children or servants, they may the better dispose themselves to read the Scriptures of truth at home, or to frequent such meetings of religious worship abroad as may best suit their respective persuasions

It will be observed that this enactment requires the people to abstain from their "common toil and labor." In this it followed the English statute of 29 Charles, 2d, which restrained persons from following their "or-dinary callings" on the Lord's day. I said that our law, while retaining all its spirit, had been extended in its operation, and so it will be found that in 1705, the Legislature of this State passed an Act providing that the people should abstain from toil and labor and any worldly business on that day. This was followed by the Act of 1786, forbidding "any worldly employment or business what seever." The present Act of 1794, was soever. passed to continue that of 1786, and is substantially the same in terms, but the remarkable and significant difference between these and the former act, is observable, that while the Act of 1705 was called "An Act to restrain people from labor on the first day of the week," the title of these was "An Act for the prevention of vice and immorality, and to restrain dissipation;" a clear indication of the reasons which actuated the legislature, and the purpose they intended to accomplish by the passage of these laws.

This history of legislative action in referference to this subject, shows so clearly the reason and spirit of the law, and the great and important objects sought to be attained by it, that I need make no comment here upon them.

Are the defendants violating this law? If it be intended to argue here to day that they are not, then I answer that this court has

on profession of faith. This is a larger increase than has ever characterized any communion here covering the same time. The new house of worship erected for his church is expected to be ready for occupancy before the year closes. It 1200 persons.

SUNDAY CAR QUESTION.

ARGUMENT OF MR. PATTERSON.

For its next stated meeting, the Presbytery resolved to visit its youngest daughter, the Chester City Church, recently domiciliated in her beautiful nabitation.

One feature of this session which stirred the pulse, was a short address, called out by request of members, from Rev. Dr. Allen, of the Old School Presbytery of Nashville, a visiting brother. Dr. Allen in feeling terms spoke of his joy in once more, after long years of ecclesistical loneliness, finding himself amid the association of a meeting of Presbytery. His own Presbytery, at the outbreak of the rebellion, had reny them, and remained alone, amid ance :--storm and obloquy; until the collapse being, the object of peculiar regard from returning rebels. Then his favor was by the hand, invited him to preach forcome entrance. Since then, something Christian Church than ever before. which seems to have come from the North, some new influence from some member to set himself actively against quarter-perhaps we could tell better the practice of moderate drinking, be-

Extracts from the minutes of the Presbytery in session at Iowa City, September 27, 1866. The special committee to whom was re-

ferred the report of committee of investigation in regard to certain general rumors respecting certain members of this body, in relation to the division of the First Con-stitutional Presbyterian Ci urch of Iowa City, report that Presbytery has heretofore declared, that the proceedings of the Session, Trustees, and a majority of the Church, as it was before the disruption, were irregular and disorderly; and now find in a session at Iowa City, that the Rev. Geo. D. A. Hebard, stated supply of said Church at the time, and the Rev. Benj, Talbot, a Trustee and sup porter of said Church, both members of Iowa lity Presbytery, have had an active agency in bringing about this result. But, upon their acknowledgement of their

errors in acting, without authority or counsel of the Presbytery, in promoting this unhappy division, the Presbytery grant the ministers aforesaid letters of dismission to the Grinnell Association, according

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The ma further report the following resolution, which was adopted.

Resolved. That Presbytery regard the right of the minority, being the present Presbyterian Church, to hold all the real and personal property, and all moneys raised for Church purposes and not expended prior to the division of the church; and cannot at this time recommend the discontinuance of the Constitutional Presbyterian Church, but would recommend a committee empowered to advise with the First Constitutional Presbyterian Church of Iowa City.; and that this committee be, Alexander Porter and Samuel Storrs (Howe, Ministers, and Almon Barnes, Elder.

lder. (Signed,) F. L. ARNOLD, ALEX. DANSKIN, Com. Published by order of the Presbytery of

Iowa City. 😚 A true copy of the minutes.

SAMUEL STORRS HOWE, Stated Clerk.

TEMPERANCE-SYNODICAL ACTION.solved itself into a component part of The Synod of Western Pennsylvania, at the Southern Presbyterian schism. He its meeting in Meadville, Sept. 28th, and his church had refused to accompa- adopted the following paper on Temper-

1. In the great increase and extenof the rebellion, and the first humbling sive prevalence of intemperance, we reof the rebels, made them, for the time cognize a great danger to our country and reproach to the Christian Church. 2. We hail, as one of the most encoursought; ministers shook him fervently aging signs of the times, the revival of the cause of temperance throughout our them, and there was no church in Nash- land; and especially that this cause is ville to which he could not find wel- now more directly identified with the 3. It is the duty of every church

than bimself whence-had come down cause it is the nursery of drunkenness.

N. S. Presbyterian Church has manfestly assumed, during the present yeal, a magnitude and importance greater than in any previous period of her his tory. New, inviting and extensive fields of labor have been opened; and from almost every section of the vast Ameri can Continent she hears the Macedonian cry, "Come over and help us." The Church must not neglect to fill these fields with efficient laborers; she must not turn a deaf ear to this important cry. meet the demands of the work, is loud and imperative, and the appeal to the liberality of all our people is unanswer. strained be really "*ultra vires*." That the and hearty response.

The Minutes of the General Assembly, as well as the history of the Church. demonstrate the fact that those branches of the Church which practice the largest beneficence have been most abundantly blessed and prospered - that the reflex settled by a long series of cases, of which the And it is hoped, for the improvement of our own field in East Tennessee, that adopt some plan of systematic benefi. it is, it is unlawful for this Company to run cence in this time of need. Therefore,

Resolved, 1st. That the ministers of Kingston Presbytery, appreciating the demands and difficulties of the Home Missionary work, be enjoined to present its claims at the earliest practicable period to their respective charges, and to make a united effort, on the first Sabbath in October, to raise contributions for the use of the Presbyterian Home Missionary Committee.

2d. That the ministers of our respective churches urge their people to hold monthly concerts of prayer for the conversion of the world; and that it is hereby suggested that ed power. To this we answer, that the con-the contributions raised at these concerts be tract with the Post-office Department is equally divided between the Home and Foreign fields. 3d. That as the necessities of our Zion re-

quire it; as prosperity always attends the churches distinguished for benevolence; and as God's unerring Word assures us, "It is more blessed to give than receive," would therefore earnestly recommend to our ministers, church sessions, Sabbath-school superintendents and teachers, to devise and put into execution some measure of sysput into execution some measure of sys-tematic beneficence, in order that the *habit* of giving may be cultivated, and that the treas-ger railway shall, at any time, be used for giving may be cultivated, and that the treas-ury of the Lord may be filled.

4th. That the funds raised in our several churches in October next, be forwarded to the Committee of Home Missions, New York,

Rev. H. Kendall, D.D., Secretary. 5th. That as the *Presbyterian Monthly*, published at Philadelphia, is a valuable organ to aid in diffusing missionary intelligence and to promote beneficence, we recommend the introduction of it into all the churches within our bounds.

A true extract from the minutes.

WM. B. BROWN, Stated Clerk of Presb. of Kingston. CLEVELAND, TENN., Sept. 15, 1866. of a stockholder in the company; the other, at the suit of sixteen citizens of Philadelphia, six of whom occupy houses on the line of the road over which the Company runs its cars, and ten of whom are pewholders in churches, also on that line. I will, in the first place, consider the stockholder's bill.

The right of the owner of one or more shares of stock in a corporation, to the interposition of a court of equity to restrain the corporation from action "ultra vires" is well corporation from action "ultra vires" is well settled; so well settled, indeed, that it has been held in some cases, (of which Sandford vs. The R. R. Co., 12 Har. 378, is one,) that even if the complaining stockholder is acting in the interest of a rival corporation, and has The call for men and money to the demands of the work, is loud imperative and the appeal to the able. They cannot fail to elicit a prompt action here sought to be restrained, the running of these cars on Sunday, is not within

the corporate power of the Company defend-ant, will appear from the following considerations

The Act of April 22d, 1794, forbids "worldly employment or business on the Lord's day, commonly called Sunday." The judicial construction of that Act has been influence of benevolence is powerful for most important is The Commonwealth vs. good upon the churches that practice it. Jeandelle, 2. Grant's Rep., in which Judge And it is hoped, for the improvement of Thompson expressly decided that the running of street cars on Sunday was within the our own field in East Tennessee, that prohibition, and not within the exceptions ministers and churches will devise and of that Act. If that be the law, as I believe its cars on Sunday, unless it can show some special power enabling it so to do.

Its charter contains no express power to that effect. Implied power there cannot be, for a corporation can only exercise the powers expressly granted to it, and such implied powers as are incident to all corporations, or essential to the powers granted. The power to run cars on Sunday is neither incident to corporations in general, nor necessary to the exercise of the power of running those cars on the days of the week.

But it is contended for the defendants. that their mail contract gives them the needtract with the Post-office Department is invalid for want of power on the part of the corporation to enter into it. They were

chartered by the Act of April 8th, 1864, the 4th section of which expresses the legislative intent that they shall transport passengers only; and by the 8th section of the same act, we it is declared that the Company thereby in-our corporated, "shall be subject to the ordinances of the city of Philadelphia, regulating the running of passenger railway cars," one of any other purpose than passenger travel."

But even if the company could enter into the contract, that contract could not authorize the company to carry passengers in violation of the municipal law of the State, for the reason that the company can fulfil its contract to the very letter, without carrying a passenger, indeed, without running a car. They can carry the mail by private messen-ger, on foot, on horseback, or in wagons. Whatever the nature of that mail contract, however great the privileges it confers, the carrying of passengers for hire, in defiance of

quences which have flowed and will flow, as they must always be expected to flow from transgression of the law.

tected by the mail contract. Lastly, with regard to this stockholder's bill, it is to be remarked, that he asks the

aid of equity to restrict corporate action

within legal corporate limits, and does not seek to restrain it in one lawful act, nor to de-

prive it of one legitimate source of profit. I contend, therefore, that the complainant is

entitled to the relief he asks, and that the

"ultra vires," is a breach of the contract of partnership, to which the complainant is

case, that a court will enjoin the commission

of acts, upon which commission a penalty de die in diem has been imposed by law.

have not adverted to the question of the ab-

stract right of the companies to run their

ARGUMENT OF MR. MCELROY.

of the case, and the gravity of the subject to

be discussed and the rights involved, he said :--There is one thing to be mentioned here, at the outset of the cause, and to be

steadily borne in mind throughout it-for

I regard it as the thread running through the labyrinth-and this is, that the defend-

ants stand here to-day violators of the law,

while the complainants are here as its sup-porters, asking for its enforcement; they are

I have but a few more words to say.

Both of the bills filed allege that the defendants are violating a particular law. What is this law? It is one of the most venerable and at the same time, one of the most usefu

laws that has ever been placed upon our statute books. For one hundred and eighty-four years it has remained there, and during all that time, though modified in terms, has never been altered in spirit. The modifications that have been made, have been to extend and enlarge its operation; and the almost universal obedience that has been willingly rendered to it throughout our State, is no slight evidence of the high estimation with which it has been regarded by the people.

In a case like this, it will not be regarded as at all improper to refer to the history of this Sunday law. By doing so, we shall learn something of its reason and spirit, which will assist us in giving it a proper application. The charter granted to William Penn by

Charles II., on the 4th of March, 1681, gave him power to govern and to make laws, "by and with the assent and approbation of the freemen of the country or the greater part of them, or of their delegates or deputies." The spirit in which he received this charter, is manifested in a letter written by him on the next day, to his friend Robert Turner, in which he uses this language :-- " It is a clear and just thing, and my God, that has given it to me through many difficulties, will, believe, bless and make it the seed of a nation. I shall have a tender care to the government, that it will be well laid at first."

Penn remained in England, corresponding with his deputies in regard to the well being of the settlement, and while still there, published his Frame of Government, or, as he called it, the Charter of Liberties of the Proand in it, after providing for the Provincial This paper is dated April 25, 1682, Council of seventy-two persons, the General Assembly not exceeding two hundred per-sons, the erection of public schools, the re-

ward of authors of useful sciences and inventions, the establishments of courts, the con-duct of all elections by ballot, he recognizes the sanctity of the Sabbath by declaring that no official business should be performed by any department of the Government on the Lord's day.

The Charter of Liberties was followed on the 5th of May, 1682, by the "Laws agreed upon in England." By the first of these, the Charter of Liberties was declared to be the fundamental law of the Province, so that it was in fact, the first Constitution of Pennsylvania. Religious liberty, and the observance of the Lord's day, were also provided for by these laws.

In September, 1682, Penn left England and arrived at Chester, about the 1st of De-cember. Here, on the 4th of December, 1682, the first General Assembly met, and in a short session of three days, passed three great and important laws, -- the act of union, the act of settlement, and the act with which we are more immediately concerned, "The Great Law, or the body of Laws of the Pro-vince of Pennsylvania." Regarding this, as Regarding this, as it really was, as the foundation of all subsequent enactments, I quote its preamble and first section in full: "Whereas, the glory of Almighty God, and

the good of mankind, is the reason and end the work-shop and the market-house on Sur the law of the State, cannot be a necessary the good of mankind, is the reason and end the work-shop and the market-house on be-incident to it, but must be regarded as a dis- of government, and therefore government in day. If we decide that necessity and charity

repeatedly decided that just such acts as those complained of in this case are direct violations of the law. I shall refer to only three of the more recent decisions.

It may be set up that as the charter does not limit this company in the exercise of its powers to six days of the week, it has an implied right to run its cars every day. Against this position, I cite the case of Omit vs. The Commonwealth, 9 Harris 434. This was the case of an innkeeper, who claimed that his license authorized him to pursue his occupation on every day of the week, and therefore he was not amenable for an infraction of the Sunday law. The court thought otherwise. They say in their opinion, "Will not six days' enjoyment, in each week, of the licensed monopoly suffice to provide strangers with that measure of ac-commodation which the community is bound to furnish? There is no ground to doubt it. But if not sufficient, some other expedient must be devised. Sunday cannot be given up. Strangers and travellers have no right

to demand hospitality at such a price. Rest one day in seven was enjoined by the pre-cept and example of the author of our existence, and government, founding itself on divine appointment, has made it a civil insti-tution. 'For the ease of the creation,' said our old act of 1705, as well as that people may enjoy religious privileges, the first day of the week shall be observed. They justly regarded it as essential to religious freedom, as well as to physical health and strength It is an institution deeply seated in the religious affections of the community, and one of the foundations of public morals, and of our political fabric.

If it be asserted for the defendants, that the running of these cars on Sunday, is a work of necessity or charity, and therefore within the exception of the statute, then look at the case of Johnston vs. The Com-monucealth, 10 Harris, 109. This was the appeal of the driver of one of a line of omnibuses between Pittsburgh and Lawrenceville who sought to evade the operation of the statute on this very ground. Judge Woodward, delivering the opinion of the Court, says :-- "Not a circumstance is suggested on the record to distinguish the work of the defendant on Sunday from what it was on any other day of the week. As it is not pretended to have been a work of charity or necessity on other days, it could not have been on Sun-

day. Running omnibuses is a mere secular employment, established and maintained for private gain; ministering and intended to minister, not to the absolute wants of our nature, but to the convenience of the public for a price. No reason can be assigned in favor of such an employment on Sunday, which might not be urged in behalf of every other form of productive industry. If on a lay set apart by Divine command and human legislation, as a day of rest, proprietors and drivers of omnibuses may prosecute their business, why may not farmers and mechanics pursue their equally useful, though less lucrative, callings? These employments, like most other occupations, contribute more or less directly to the public convenience, and are followed on the same motive, precisely, which establishes and maintains omnibuses. If we construe the statute so as to license the one employment, we must for consistenc sake, pronounce that it does not forbid the others, and throw open the tavern, the store,