

THE IDEAL SABBATH.

A Day of Rest and Innocent Joys, and Not of Grim Austerity. VIEWS OF REV. ROBERT A. BENTON.

Dr. Purves Preaches His Last Sermon to His Pittsburg Charge.

CHILDREN CELEBRATE FLOWER DAY

Rev. Robert A. Benton preached a remarkable sermon yesterday to a large congregation in St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Sewickley, at the morning service. Taking his text from the lesson for the day, namely, Genesis 2, 3, he had for the seventh day and sanctified it; because that in it He rested from all His work which He created and made.

Mr. Benton proceeded to trace the evolution of the modern Sunday from the Hebrew Sabbath, showing how the latter's origin antedated the Mosaic law, and how hard it was to find in the Old Testament records of the observance of the Sabbath anything that grim austerity which was thrown about it in later days, and which also constitutes a very common conception of its proper keeping to-day.

He then took up the question of the Christian day of rest, should be kept, Mr. Benton suggested that men should reflect that the obligation of Sunday rest does not rest upon the fourth commandment, because that explicitly applies to the seventh day, because Our Lord ordained to re-enact the fourth commandment of the gospel, and because in criticizing the Rabbinical traditions making the day a burden he goes back to the text in Genesis 2, 3, the institution of the Sabbath, and not to the fourth commandment. He said, "The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath, and he had been referring to the fourth commandment. He would have said that the law of Moses was given to the Jews for the law. Mr. Benton held that the rules and regulations do not apply to the keeping of the Sabbath, but merely suggested the spiritual observance of it.

Mr. Benton then took up the question of opening the Columbian Exposition at Chicago on Sunday. He said it should be opened under certain conditions suggested by Bishop Whitehead at the Diocesan convention a few days ago. He seemed to say that we ought to look at the state of things as they will be in Chicago next year. For instance there will be there, we may say, three classes, the first who will not attend the Exposition at all, the second who will attend the Exposition on Sunday, but will observe the day religiously, and the third class, who will attend the Exposition on Sunday, but will not observe the day religiously.

Dr. Purves preached his farewell sermon last night in the First Presbyterian Church of this city. The church was packed to the very doors, notwithstanding the hot weather. Dr. Purves took for his text: "Be strong, therefore, in the Lord, and in His mighty power, which is able to subdue all things unto Himself." The sermon was delivered to young men principally. The preacher said that during the six years which he had spent in this city he had met many of the young men of this city, and that he had learned a lesson from each of them. He said that he had learned from each of them that life is not a matter of chance, but a matter of choice. He said that he had learned from each of them that life is not a matter of chance, but a matter of choice.

Methodist Episcopal Churches Foster Love for a Noble Work. The many Methodist Episcopal churches throughout the two cities have adopted a delightful plan to please the children and at the same time accomplish a noble work. This is the institution of a Flower Day at the Episcopal Church. The children are all required to bring a bouquet of flowers and to offer them to the church. The flowers are distributed to the sick and the aged, and the money is used to educate young men for the ministry.

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