

They built into New England general intelligence, reverence for law, and faith in God. These were the triple foundations which they put underneath the young Republic. When, in after ages, the sons of New-Englanders moved out of New England and sought the West in the conquest of new territory, they belted this whole continent with a zone of New-Englandism and built this triple foundation under our whole political fabric. Into the great West they carried with them their churches, and these continued what they were in the beginning, centers of political intelligence and of patriotic devotion and of hope for the future. The holy and everlasting principles taught in the churches wove new stars and stripes to float over new homes, and added new State luminaries to the galaxy which dotted the blue in our national banner. Some one has said, 'Education and religion are at home wherever our flag shakes out its folds,' and this is true; but there is a truth prior to this and greater than this, and that truth is, the stars and stripes are at home wherever Christian education and the Christian religion pioneer and take the land and fill it with churches . . .

"I will indicate two ways in which the Christian church serves the American Republic. The first way is this:

1. *It protects and fosters those institutions which have proved a blessing to the Republic.*

"I will center my thought here upon one institution, viz., the Christian Sabbath. The rule is, where there is no church and no church-going there is no Sabbath, and where there is no Sabbath and no Sabbath-keeping there is no religion, and where there is no religion there is no God, and where there is no God there is no conscience, and where there is no conscience there is no respect for the rights of man, and where there is no respect for the rights of man there is no security for life or property. Now take religion, God, conscience, respect for the rights of man, and protection of life and property out of the American Republic, and just how much of what is left would be worth having? . . .

"There is a second way in which the Christian church serves the American Republic. It is this:

2. *It keeps before the people the true idea with regard to national greatness and national strength . . .*

"The church, in teaching American citizens begins with God. The first essential is to get into right relation with God, to get His law written on the heart and incorporated in the life. Institutions must harmonize with His will, and so must rulers, and so must voters. The church, in instructing American citizens, set Jesus Christ before men as the pattern after which to model. His views of man, man's dignity, man's rights, man's needs, must be held. His principles and His views of doctrines concerning God must be adopted. The divine love which shines out of His cross must be allowed to dominate all