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A NEW EXERCISE FOR LEGAL MAXIMS.

THE agriculturist cannot forget his crops and his cattle on the Lord's day; but he may guide his thoughts to the harvest at the end of the world, with its band of angel reapers, —to the ox of the burnt offering, and the Divine symbolism of the lamb. The man of science may find his mind still busy, amid the half-heard sermon or psalm, with his speculations on atoms and molecules and forces; but the meditations that he cannot break he may bend, until the light, in the power and beauty and mystery of its triune beam, discourses to him of the Light of the

World, and the great secret of life, which his scientific methods all "turn-edge" upon, begins to glow with a radiance from a higher realm. And similarly it may be permitted to a lawyer to use the implements of his craft in a more spiritual husbandry. The writer therefore proposes to select a few common legal maxims and put them to a novel use.

1. *Qui facit per alium facit per se.* (What a man does by the hand of another, he does himself.) But let us not derive a false comfort from the "wresting" of this legal "scripture," and say, "Then I am now preaching the Gospel in India and Africa; I am fording rivers, and struggling against fevers, and defying robbers and rattlesnakes; for I subscribe to the Missionary Society, and am sending men to this great work of the gospel-herald." It may, indeed, be partially

true, if you have the sympathetic heart and willing mind; for even Christ said, "He that giveth a cup of cold water to a disciple, in the name of a disciple, shall not miss a disciple's reward." Compounding for personal service by a money-payment is a transaction which in the church of Christ cannot be considered legitimate. Yet, if the invalid, or the man (or woman) shackled by domestic or official duty of paramount obligation, feels his sympathy and goodwill go forth to any branch of God's work, and is restrained by no pusillanimous self-indulgence from personal activity therein—then the pound, or the shilling, of such a one, contributed to the support of those who can give hand as well as heart, makes him a comrade of the men toiling in the field, and he may say, "The work is also mine, for *qui facit per alium facit per se.*"