Silvan's Church.

It is a debt we owe to the purity of Religion to affirm that it can give no exceptions to the law while we continue St. Paul's, "—Patrick Henry.

Edward Smith, of Philadelphia, Pa., a popular Methodist minister and writer, describes his experience, as a slaveholder in the southern states of Virginia, in which state he lived, and did not pretend to justify himself or his slaves from the Bible, until they were induced to do so by a leading Doctor of Divinity. He says:

"The Doctor made the important discovery the slavery was not sinful, that the relation was sanctioned by the Holy Scriptures. He was at that time a professor in one of the schools of the Province, i.e., a Theological Seminary. This important discovery, which was a walking portion to the apprentice's soul, was not known to any Exegetical Association of my native state, Virginia.

This Rev. Dr. made another discovery, which did him more credit than the former. This was the new name he gave to the Almighty as the Sabbath day, if the master was administering needed punishment. He was a slaveholder and a master of men, and often, when his wants were supplied through his able, he would tell his slaves to do so. On one occasion a woman that served in the house, committed an Sabbath morning, an offense of no great magnitude, to go and wash until Monday morning. To her credit, she was so tempted to prevent her from being found so as to be under the same rule. This is not the case on the plantations. The dwellers in town are not willing to let their neighbors in which he has learned how often they whip the slaves. The Dr. lived in a man, and out of occasion took his woman in the office and, as usual, in such cases, stripped her in her own place, and then called the house. The woman, instead of finding her, said, "Oh, Lord! O Lord! Or Lord! Or Lord! The Dr. stopped, and his hands fell to his sides as though it made him so pious, he raised his hands in silent prayer, and then addressed her, (the confession is next given me for speaking his words:) "The Lord will find and correct his own, and the prayer is the man of the Lord."

"On the Sabbath day," he said, "whipping, and she went and answering to preach in the congregation which proceeded in the expression, and the remains of the man does not show that he will not. This was the man who made the important discovery that slavery was not sinful, and surely he was the man for such a work in Middlesex County."