Descriptive Summary

Creator: Brewer, William.
Title: A Treatise of the Observation of Days and of the True Christian Sabbath, undated
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 146
Extent: 0.01 cubic ft. (1 folder)
Abstract: Contains one text by William Brewer arguing against the strict observance of the weekly Sabbath, as indicated in the Old Testament.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Scope and Content Note
This text argues against the strict observance of the weekly Sabbath, as indicated in the Old Testament. Brewer contends that the relationship between God and Humanity, honored by the
weekly observance of God’s day of rest, was fundamentally altered by the coming of Christ. Just as the dietary laws of Judaism did not apply to the Gentile converts to Christianity, so the weekly Sabbath does not apply to Christians. Noting the absence of New Testament references to the Sabbath, Brewer suggests Christians should observe those anniversaries of Christ’s birth, death, and resurrection.

The date of composition is uncertain, placed between the late Seventeenth and early Eighteenth Centuries. It is written in ink with a distinct change in handwriting between pages 17-24, where it resumes the original style. There are several biblical citations in English, as well as Greek and Latin. These are noted in the margins of each page.