

greater license is given by the Gospel ; no greater license, therefore, can be taken ; and to "*buy and sell and get gain*" upon the Lord's day, is, in the worst sense of the word, to *pollute* it. In great measure this wicked custom has ceased among us ; but, enough of it yet remains to dishonor God and provoke His indignation ; and especially by those whose dealings inflame the lusts and passions of mankind, and who, regardless alike of their country's law and the prohibitions of God, keep open their houses for mirth and drunkenness upon the Lord's day. It is in these houses that men most effectually pollute the Sabbath ; and they make them the haunt of licentious pleasure, and evil conversation—where the young may be snared in wickedness, and the thoughtless be edified in sin. But, the pollution of the Sabbath is not confined to these children of Belial who hold sacred things in contempt, and bid defiance to the vengeance of heaven—there are a great many works done on the Sunday which ought not to be done, by persons who pass for christians in the world : Such is that profane custom, so prevalent among seamen, of making the Sabbath a day for sailing ;—and such also is a practice which I have detected among the fishermen of preparing on the Lord's day all that may be necessary for carrying on the business of the week. All these things are unholy intrusions upon the stillness and solemnity of the day set apart by God our Creator, for rest and religion ; but far above all these, in impiety and in danger, is the practice of carrying on the work of slaughter on the Ice !—My brethren, let me speak to you with affection and with seriousness upon this subject ;—it may be, that we shall not meet again in this world, and before we separate I would fain bear my testimony once more against this crying sin, which may for ever ruin you and entail a bitter curse on your posterity—the profanation of the Lord's day. Again, my brethren,