

er six days.* I have so much confidence in the independence of your paper, and the fearlessness of your mind, that I trust, whether it accords with your own sentiments or not, you will afford me an opportunity of combating, by anticipation, those remarks of a contrary tendency which I have good reason to believe are in contemplation to be made on this subject.

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MR. EDITOR,

The animadversions of PHIL0, upon the expression of your opinion on the subject of Sunday excursions, show so little of the true spirit of Christianity, in the garb of which alas! too many fanatics array themselves, that in endeavouring to refute his assertions, I can not forbear from supposing that he is one of those who "love the uppermost seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets;" and "to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets that they may be seen of men;" nor can I forbear from recommending to him a greater portion of meekness, charity, and loving-kindness in reproving those whom he fancies are wandering in error. To attribute impiety, profanation, and the outraging of divine authority, to the maintenance of an opinion on a ceremonial subject (for the most zealous puritan can never make the observance of Sunday more than a ceremonial of religion,†) evinces too much of that

*I have known a lamentable instance of perversion of intellect of this nature. A man who persuaded himself and others around him that he was in the way of salvation, being one of the converted, or elect, having seduced a young female, whom he decoyed from her friends, saved his conscience by abstaining from indulging his carnal appetite on Sunday night, looking upon his selfdenial so meritorious as to wipe away all the indulgences of the preceding week. It must be confessed that such a penance, (considering the exquisite beauty of the lady, from whom I got the anecdote) must be as severe as almost any mortification of the flesh that any Catholic priest could enjoin to his penitent. L. L. M.

†I do not agree with my correspondent in this point; I consider that