

for hours, drinking in its corrupted streams wholesale? How can Sabbath-school teachers and directors be sanctified, and allow such books to crowd the shelves of their libraries, and distribute them by hundreds and by thousands on the Sabbath day to the innocent and unsuspecting children committed to their care? How can a father and head of a family take the daily papers of each political party, and read aloud the slang and slander that one deals out to the other, with the rest of the low wit and humor with which their columns are baited, while at family worship a short chapter and a short prayer, hurried over in great haste, leaving no impression on the mind that the exercise is pleasant and delightful, and that praise is comely; but rather that the mind is not in harmony with the things of God, restless to throw off the load of duty, and get away to more congenial pursuits, which, with vigor and delight, amid newspapers, politics, movements, operations, sight, enterprises, and every glance of the eye, and every step of eager, bustling haste, shows to what an extent the whole soul receives its complexion from these earthly things? Alas! are these persons who have been signed and sealed as the witnesses and disciples of Christ, who only a day or two before retired from the table of the Lord, around which they had perhaps joined in singing,

" Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all."

How can men be considered sanctified when it is known how they practically deal with the question of church-fellowship. They attach themselves to a certain church, they say, from principle, but what principle? In many cases it will be found to be doing as their forefathers have done, or as the genteel and refined do, or as pride would dictate, or as the interest of a class would require, or as persons of influence and authority would demand, or as distinction and the honors of office would prompt; not the principle of gaining access to the best means of working out personal salvation, or larger spheres of usefulness, or the toils and responsibilities of anxious, watchful care of all the churches, by whatever name they may be designated. How can men be said to be sanctified, when it is found that in all their movements they are acting under the influence of the love of money? Innumerable evils are inflicted upon society—by principles and practices being indulged in by certain men—which, though not posted on the exchange, or scorned by the newspapers, are as much condemned by the spirit of the Bible as if they were specified in flaming characters upon its pages. When the Prophet (Zech. xiv. 20) describes the several agents which shall be employed in Christ's kingdom, assures us that "holiness unto the Lord" shall be upon the bells of the horses, thereby meaning that the affairs of life, whether behind the counter, or in the office, or the ledger, or the market, the money-exchange or the law-court, or even the affairs of rural labor, should present visible evidence that the hallowed claims of Almighty God were devoutly recognized in all their arrangements.

To guide the plough or direct the loom, to do business in a warehouse, to serve customers, to make articles of trade, to manage the affairs of a