

Decree of more authority—or higher power to put in force,
And render absolute the desecration of the consecrated day.

But we subscribe not to the document discordant
While Sabbath ordinance stands; high stern testimony
In contradiction to the deadly doctrine :

—Mercy to man pervades the Sabbath atmosphere :
Its light comes not to regions of despair ;
Hence hopeless is the shade, and utter ruin reigns
'Midst deepest gloom of death eternal.

—From hell itself despair would flee at dawn of Sabbath morn.
Its dense, dire darkness dare not saunter—
Where Sabbath sun can shine, bright rays of mercy reach,
Who breathe a Sabbath air, may live, may love,
Who hath a Sabbath, hath a day of grace.

The wretched dogma, shutting out from mercy infinite
Some hapless sinners who yet hear the gospel sound ;
—Is not from author of the holy Sabbath-day ;
But imp of earthly origin ; a spectre of the night.
Vile creature formed from shadows seen in doctors' dreams,
And visions of the horrible ; when glimmering reason's lamp was dim ;
Then stalking forth audaciously, to walk the earth, in sight of heaven
On Sabbath-day. Libel profane on love divine—
Hell-favouring fancy, embodiment of deepest hate ;
Foul fury fell, in fitful frame, malice capricious,
Dark doctrine ! reprobation unconditional !—

—Such, dread Sinai's thunders utter'd not, nor psalms prophetic spake,
Nor in holy union represented, nor in gospel taught,
Nor by the angels sung, nor by apostles written,
Nor on page of Holy Book of Inspiration found.
Eden's and Patmos' Sabbaths set forth better things.
The stillness of the day serene, suits not harsh sounds
Of irremediable woe—doctrine of death !
Unfit for Sabbath going abroad, however dressed
In gaudy hues, or gospel garb, villian at heart,
A deadly foe to man ; favour'd not by our Father.

No man can breathe a Sabbath air, but through his death,
Who rose again on Sabbath morn. Who died and rose for man.
Sabbath for man, for universal man. Truth's working day,
Day of atonement—blessing and bless'd, the day the Lord hath made.
Light of the world arise, shed forth the beams