

day. Others walk and ride for pleasure, or perform their visits upon the Sabbath without considering that the visitation of the sick wilfully delayed till Sabbath is Sabbath profanation to him who does it in the light of the Lord.

To meet these and the like evils, these claims of the Sabbath should be prominently held forth in the sanctuary's ministrations. Sabbath sins should there be ever set forth in their heinousness, connexions, and consequences. Church discipline should be brought to bear upon the more open and flagrant cases. The united efforts of ministers, sessions, and churches, should be faithfully directed to these very prevalent, and most injurious species of Sabbath desecration.

Liquor drinking and public houses, the greater number of which are more or less open on Sabbath, is, perhaps, more productive of Sabbath desecration than all other means put together. The Mayor and magistrates in the city of Halifax have been vigorously and successfully putting the law in force, and are setting a most encouraging example before a christian public and christian magistrates. In Prince Edward Island any such exertions are unknown, though the call is even louder, and the law equally potent if put in force.

In Cape Breton the Rev. Mr. McLeod insisted upon a somewhat relentless magistrate, to put the law in force against such as were in the habit of setting or raising their fishing nets, with good effect. These are encouraging examples, and it is matter of gratitude to God that there is a christian ministry to remind and urge the civil magistracy to the discharge of their duties, for the glory of God, good of society, and protection of our best interests, from the daring encroachments of impiety.

In Charlotte Town, P.E.I., a market is held on Wednesdays and Saturdays of each week, which is a source of an alarming amount of Sab-

bath breaking. Many go to the market from considerable distances, remain till a very late hour of Saturday night, and either remain in public houses in town or on their way, and may then be seen returning to their homes with their horses, loads, carts, trucks, with all sorts of ware. A petition has been presented to the House of Assembly, in order to change the market from Saturday to Friday, so that such as travel upon Sabbath could be brought under the action of the law. But it was unsuccessful at that time; and though its prayer were granted, so long as public houses are permitted to be open, the change of the market would have little effect in preventing the evil.

In Prince Edward Island, also, Popery is a source of a fearful amount of Sabbath desecration. They go in to Town on Saturday, do business at the market, remain, and perhaps attend chapel on Sabbath, and then return home in the afternoon, with their cart or other loads. Not a Sabbath passes without more or less of this. Romanists frequently keep the low drinking houses, which are haunts of degradation and profanation. In the country they engage in various kinds of secular employment; and when reprov'd either at once take their stand under the permission of the priest, or own the wrongfulness, but continue in the practice. The priest who daringly comes between God and the conscience, and openly breaks the commandment and teaches others the same, is the more guilty party. Protestants who live among them, or are in the habit of seeing such open, constant Sabbath profanation, and in so many forms, become inured to it and indulge in it, without seeing the heinousness of so doing.

Some efforts require to be put forth, first in the way of enlightening the minds of Protestants who have little more than the name, and secondly on behalf of those precious souls