

all closed on Sabbath. But in 1881 came the railroads, and with them all their filth of Sabbath breaking which they generally bring, and they wiped out our Sabbath law, and now all sorts of Sabbath-breaking is carried on, both public and private, and murders and drunkenness are in full blast. In the British Isles the same results have followed railroad Sabbath violation.

What do railroad employees think of this Sabbathless business? A few years ago some four hundred locomotive engineers petitioned Mr. William Vanderbilt for the cessation of Sabbath labor. After pointing out how Sunday running of trains had become a great hardship, they continued, "We have borne this grievance patiently, hoping every succeeding year that it would decrease. We are willing to submit to any reasonable deprivation, mental or physical, to assist the officers of the company to achieve financial triumph; but after a long and weary service we do not see any sign of relief. Our objections to Sabbath labor are: First—This never-ending labor ruins our health, and prematurely we feel worn out and old men, and we feel inability to perform our duty. Secondly—That the customs of all civilized countries, as well as laws, human and Divine, recognize Sunday as the day of rest and recuperation of physical nature. Notwithstanding that other periods of rest might be arranged for us on other days, they would exclude us from all church and family privileges that other citizens enjoy. Thirdly—Nearly all of us have children, and we