

in life and teaching as to convict the respectable and upright gentlemen and ladies of His day, of idolatry and stubbornness of heart, because instead of aiming to conform to God's will and law, they were constantly aiming to conform to what the world would accept, and finding methods of their own in keeping what they were pleased to term the law of God, and according to their own views of what it should demand. This is what human society is now doing. Hold what theory you please about Christ's intercourse in human society on Sabbath or week days—that He mingled with any of them, not because He liked their company or relished their good cheer, for His life was one of incessant opposition to the clever men of the world and the common sense of the public opinion of His day. His life was the light of men, and should be the pattern of the Christian's life in obedience to God, doing good to the souls and bodies of men. The plain truth is, that the demands of God to keep holy the Sabbath day seem to us too big to be obeyed, and instead we make what may be called the common sense of the world the rule of life and conduct in Sabbath-keeping.

One of the worst forms of Sabbath desecration is found in the running of trains on our railroads on the Sabbath. In attempting to suppress this form of Sabbath violation we are encountered at once by rich corporations, whose connections and competitions with other railroad systems increase the difficulty of its suppression. In England the Hastings and Lord's