

The telephone is called into liberal requisition to convene the impromptu party, if it has not been previously arranged for, and then not a few of those who have spent a most secular Sabbath afternoon, quiet their conscience by driving together in the evening to some popular place of worship in the neighborhood.

(5) *Sabbath Funerals and Sabbath Visiting.*—Happily these forms of Sabbath desecration are confined largely to rural districts, though sometimes practised in the more populous centres; in all cases to the injury of the regular service of God's house, to the great discomfort and inconvenience of many Christian homes, and to robbing the Sabbath of its sanctity.

(6) *Church Business Meetings on Sabbath.*—In cases not a few, sessions are called together. Sabbath school teachers meet, committees of Y.P.S. of C.E., missionary or other committees convene for the transaction of business on the Sabbath that in almost all cases should be relegated to a week day. The Church being bound to teach by her example that she holds the day in deepest reverence, should see to it that her example in this regard is not made a stumblingblock to others.

II.—*Some Forms of Sabbath Desecration that Prevail in the Christian Community*—perhaps not so directly under the control of the Church.

(1) *Secular Reading on Sabbath in Christian Homes.*—Very attractive Saturday-Sunday editions of our leading daily journals are regularly issued by a self-interested press. As works of art they are to be admired, as budgets of information they may be prized, but for Sabbath reading no devout Christian parent should peruse them himself or allow them to be placed within the reach of the members of his household on the Lord's Day. Very divisive is this insidious method of cultivating the taste and paving the way for the Sunday newspaper for which already there is such a demand in some quarters. How anxiously we strive to guard the bodies of our children from the infection of certain virulent diseases. Ought we to be less anxious to guard their souls from a still worse infection?