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The Sabbath.

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SWEET Sabbath day! I love thee,
Thou bringest peace and rest;
The whisperings about me
Seem breathings of the blest.

Heaven lips to thee of Heaven;
This calmness there more calm;
For tears shall there be given
Love's everlasting Psalm.

Thy spirit and thy message
Divinely touch our life,
And truth, the precious fruitage,
Gives rest to surging strife.

And turned the many faces
From earth's enchanting wile,
There Heaven's joy now traces
The path care traced erstwhile.

Sad hearts, whose joys e'er vanish,
Awhile sojourn in peace;
Where deep seas towered in anguish,
Hope bids the surge to cease.

A desert's waste will gladden
Beneath a smiling flower;
And Sabbath chimes shall sweeten
The drear and lonely hour.

Thou day of all the seven,
Earth smiles because of thee;
Shall burst these clouds, and riven,
Yield Heaven's felicity.

I love thee for thy rest-time—
Thy peace, when duty's done;
I love thee for thy work-time,
For work and Heaven are one.

Cana of Galilee.

This is a picture of all that remains of the town in which our Lord wrought His first miracle. It is known at the present day by the names Kana and Khubet Kana. Like Capernaum and other towns in which our Lord preached, it is now a ruined and deserted place; a place for the owl, the bat, the jackal to make their home in. We cannot regard the desolation that has come upon these places in any other light than that of a judgment pronounced against them for their heartless and wilful neglect of the Messiah. These ruined towns are but signs of that deeper ruin into which the whole Jewish nation fell after the crucifixion of their Lord. They are signs to us of the desolation which comes upon every soul that turns from the words of truth uttered by Christ, to seek happiness and life in this world.

THE New York *Observer* says: "Polycarp was converted at nine years of age, Matthew Henry at eleven, President Edwards at seven, Dr. Watts at nine, Bishop Hall at eleven, and Robert Hall at twelve. The Church is arousing itself to do more for the children than it has done in the past. The preaching of five minutes' sermons to the children, each Sunday before the sermon to the adults, is the latest and most successful answer to the question: How shall we get the children to attend the preaching service?"