

is associated. It is said, "If thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words: *Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord.*" Amid the glowing descriptions of the glories of the latter day, when the nations shall be blessed with the gospel, there is reference to the Sabbath as kept by those who take hold of God's covenant. The Lord of the Sabbath said also, the Sabbath is made for man. Man is possessed of a body and a soul. The highest part of his nature must be put first. The demands of the body are secondary to those of the soul. What is a man profited if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? Eternity opens to man. A crown of immortality beams before his sight. Man is not only of this earth, but claims an alliance with the skies. Hence the engagements of the sacred day are for the advancement of those powers which shall have their highest development in heaven, which rise to God and rest on God. The Lord of the Sabbath has appointed that which must ever correspond with his own character, ways and works. His own special work was the salvation of souls. What is consistent with that glorious object shall be advanced, and recognized with his approval. Not what shall hurt souls or sink them deeper in the abyss of sin and misery shall have his sanction. He who seeks to bring many sons to glory shall follow them with such displays of his love and call them to the pursuit of such ennobling objects as shall prepare them for the services of the temple of heaven. *The Sabbath day is the soul's market day.* May our readers have such an appreciation of the Sabbath as shall lead to the enjoyment of its sacred hours. Say not what a weariness is it. When will the Sabbath be gone? But may they so discover the glories of the Sabbath's Lord as *then* to wait the visits of his love. Then their Sabbaths will be their best days. In them much of the peace and joy and love of heaven will be found, and each as they wing their solemn flight to eternity will bring them a Sabbath day's journey nearer heaven.

Trans-Atlantic Retrospect.

ENGLAND.—There is little of interest to record this month; the papers being mostly full of the Cherbourg *fetes*; which we may just state have been given in celebration of the completion of the docks and fortifications at that place, and of the unveiling the statue of Napoleon the First. The Queen accepted the invitation of the Emperor to be present on the occasion, and was accompanied by a large number of her subjects. There were the ordinary compliments and professions of friendship between the two sovereigns; an extraordinary amount of gunpowder blown away; banquets, illuminations, fireworks, rejoicings, and a strengthening of the bonds of friendship between the two nations! Let us hope so; but it is impossible not to see that Cherbourg is regarded with grave doubts by a large body of Englishmen—that it is looked upon as a menace, and as the possible starting point of some future expedition against their island home. When will the nations learn that mutual trust is a greater safeguard than mutual suspicion, and that this race of armaments is not only financially ruinous, but most egregiously foolish. "Peace on earth." The realization may appear remote, but it will come nevertheless, and a generation will yet arise who will look with surprise and grief upon the relics of the practical infidelity of the age in which we live.