

BISMARCK AND THE SABBATH.

COUNT BISMARCK, of Prussia, hearing that the peasants on his estate were in the habit of working on Sundays, wrote to his bailiff to stop it. He replied that all their time was occupied in working on his estate, and they had only Sunday to look after their own land. The Count then authorized him to allow those who had land, to harvest their own crops first when they were ripe, but to forbid their working on Sunday. The peasants were so much affected by this generosity, that they resolved the Count should lose nothing by caring for them first; and, as the result, his work was better attended to than ever.

BONAPARTE AND THE SENTINEL.

BONAPARTE, always untiring, after having gained the battle of Arcole, which lasted three days, travelled over his camp, clad in a simple garment, which disguised him as the commander-in-chief, for the purpose of examining for himself if the fatigues of three days' severe fighting had caused his soldiers to lose any of their usual discipline and habitual watchfulness. The general found a sentinel sleeping; gently raised his gun without awaking him, and watched in his place. Some moments after the soldier awoke; seeing himself disarmed, and recognizing his general, he exclaimed, "I am lost!" "Reassure yourself," said Bonaparte to him gently, "after so great fatigue, it is permitted to one so brave to fall asleep, but another time choose a more suitable hour."

This was very generous of the great Bonaparte; but what is it compared to the loving care of our Heavenly Father; who is *ever* watching over us while we sleep at our posts, and depart from the right path! He is always ready to forgive our weakness, the moment we ask Him.