

I would speak rather of the time to come ; and most solemnly do I call upon you all, henceforth to remember that day, which has been set apart, both by Divine appointment, and the universal usage of the Christian Church, to be a continual memorial of the two greatest blessings of God to man,—the completion of His work of Creation, and the accomplishment of His work of Redemption by the Resurrection of Himself from the grave,—that day, do I call upon you all, to remember henceforth, and to honour it with that decency of behaviour which God has enjoined ; * abstaining upon it from all manner of work, and presenting yourselves before the Lord, whenever opportunity occurs, in the Courts of His house !

The Sabbath here,—the weekly day of rest upon Earth,—is but a figure and fore-runner of the Eternal Sabbath, and day of never-ending “ rest, that remaineth to the people of God ” † in Heaven. If, then, you have no taste for worshipping and praising God in His Earthly Sanctuaries, do you think you will find any enjoyment in the “ New Jerusalem,” ‡ among the companies of Angels and Saints,

“ Who all day long unwearied sing
High glory to th’ Eternal King ? ” §

Do you think, if God has seen you reluctant to go up to His temple below, He will translate you, when you die, to His temple above ?—Doubt not, even were it to be so, Heaven itself would be a Hell to you, so little would you be suited by the occupations you have followed, and the propensities you have indulged here, for its pleasures and pursuits !

* See Exod. xx., 10. † Hebr. iv., 19.

‡ Rev. xxi., 2. § Morning Hymn.