

association, for the promotion of the observance of the Lord's Day. The Association numbers 4,000 members in the city of Paris. New associations have sprung up in the Provinces desiring to keep holy the Sabbath.

GERMANY.—Here the question of Sabbath observance is exciting increased attention. A Committee has been formed in Hamburgh to secure a better observance of the Lord's Day.

SWITZERLAND.—In Neufchatel a Sabbath Observance Association, under the active superintendence of the Rev. F. Godel, principal tutor of the Crown Prince of Prussia, has lately been formed.

CONCLUSION.—Let us now conclude "in the eloquent language" made use of by the sainted John Angel James, of immortal memory, in closing his admirable essay, "The Sabbath—Its Religious Observance a National Duty and Blessing," which he characterizes as not more eloquent than true of an American writer:—"But for the moral power of Sabbatical institutions, whose property or reputation would be safe for a single day? Much as the Lord's day is profaned in this country, even now it does more than our magistrates and prisons and other legal terrors to perpetuate and multiply our social, civil and religious things. Take away this barrier, and you open the flood-gates of vice and irreligion upon a godless and suffering people. You may try to prop up your free and admired civil institutions, but all your efforts will be in vain. The overflowing scourge will pass through, and neither you nor your children can hope to escape. Who and where is the patriot that would thrust out our ship from her peaceful moorings, on a starless night, upon an ocean of storms, without anchor or rudder, compass or chart? The elements around us may remain, and our giant rivers and mountains; our miserable descendants also may multiply and vegetate, and sit in moral darkness and putrefaction; but the American character and our glorious institutions will go down to the same grave that entombs the Sabbath, and our epitaph will stand forth a warning to the world. Thus endeth the nation that despised the Lord and gloried in wisdom, wealth and power."—
[Dr. Humphrey on the Sabbath.]