

## Sunday Reading.

## Agricultural.

THIS IS NOT OUR REST.

"There remaineth a rest," a something still future, comprising whatever may be necessary to the complete idea of repose. It is not attainable in this life from a very necessity of the case, and it will elude the grasp as it always has, however well directed our energies and however perseveringly applied. It is a great boon, withheld until the present season, and only secured when the preliminary labour has been endured and the required service has been performed. The man who is pursuing his journey through an arid waste or a wild and howling wilderness, where his energies are continually taxed to overcome daily requiring difficulties from the elements, prowling beast of prey, and personal privations, never imagines, except it may be in his fevered dreams, that he is at home, where may dismiss his anxiety and intermit his efforts. He well knows that he must struggle, and struggle on, anticipating the rest which is in reserve. Neither does the mariner, when his ship is tossed on the furious billows, straining and struggling amidst the wild commotion, and requiring the utmost skill and address of the steersman to prevent her founders, think at such a moment that he may fold his arms in instant and indulge in repose. It is a season not only of labour but peril, to escape from which is his absorbing desire. The rest comes when his vessel is safely moored in port. In the spiritual aspect of man's condition he is a traveller and a voyager; he is in peril by sea and in peril in the wilderness. Things around him are in a state of constant tribulation. He has a constant peril to encounter, and an unceasing danger to surmount. Dismay oppresses him on the one hand and disappointments await him on the other. When apparently nearest the object of his desires, he finds himself driven by an adverse current to a distance. He projects his plans with seeming wisdom, loses his sagacity, provides for all supposeable contingencies, and resolutely sets himself to work, and yet occurrences, apparently most trivial, intervene to confound his arrangements and defeat his designs—there is an inherent disorder in the world, which sets at defiance all speculations which are based on the possibility of perfecting any scheme of earthly happiness. It is the disorder produced by sin, pervading not only the world without, but the world within, in our hearts. The depraved passions will have their development as the pent up winds which burst the barriers and go forth on their tempestuous commission. We see the agitation around us; we feel it within us—the struggling soul is constantly reminded, "This is not your rest." The fabric of government is shaken by political storms, the church rocks to and fro under the shocks which it receives, and disastrous changes are ever occurring to mar the felicity of our social organizations. What has the lapse of ages to do? What lesson above all others has come down to us over the wreck of empires but this, that man has ever been engaged in a vain struggle to cure and counteract an inevitable fate which pronounces him a pilgrim, a stranger, a weary wanderer, homeless, seeking rest but finding none?

The representation is sad, but not gloomy; at least it need not be gloomy. It has its compensating qualities. If there be no perfect rest here, in which the soul may safely stay to itself, "Take thine ease," there is one who is in reserve of a higher character, which is beyond our reach. By the rational man it might readily be conjectured that this world is not the place for its development, where all things are so unmeaning but at a higher sphere, where no hostile elements exist. Where the repose of the soul is secured, sin must be excluded. Where the weary rest, the wicked cease from troubling. Heavenly happiness can only be participated in by regenerated and perfected natures, on which the disturbing influences which now operate upon us can exert no power. The revelation of such a consummation is due to the gospel of Jesus Christ. He came on his mission of mercy to extirpate the efforts of our apathy, to remove obstacles out of the way of our reconciliation to God, and to go hence that he might prepare mansions where we might enjoy a blissful and eternal residence. It is rest which remains—which is in prospect—which will be suited to our nature when purified and exalted, and from which arises the—*"I am stronger than you, to enter in, and keep my eyes fixed on it in the expectation of fair and hope."*—*Germanus Telegraph.*

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**AS A JAILOR.**

The lease that now lies even one sin cannot pray for the conversion of others any more than the man who lies himself to the ground, even by one insatiable thirst, can rise up to seize another who is falling into the water. We stand on the seashore to see those whom we see straying in the waves; but if we wish to save them, we must strip ourselves of our supererogatory fitness, and plunge into the water in our unmeaning strength. What a lesson for the crushing of sin in this, that as long as sins of our hearts are rampant! The trend is in the Talmud that, when venomous snakes get and guard the issue that caused the misery of the banished angels, is not a full illustration of us in this respect? We are banished and trap us in our own unmeaning armours, lurking demon guardians passing through which they are harbored. And there is but one way in which the same can be dried up—“Out of the body do I call upon them.” What a relief will an increase of life be! The Lord will be with us.

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