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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE Swiss are making strenuous efforts to secure Sunday as a day of rest. A Society for the purpose has been formed, and under the presidency of M. Alexandre Lombard vigorous efforts are being successfully made to lessen the Sunday toil of various classes of Swiss workmen. Prizes have been offered for the best essays on Sunday from a physical, social, and national point of view. Fifty-three manuscripts were sent in from various parts of the world, written (or accompanied by a translation) in French or German. A jury of eleven medical gentlemen, resident in Switzerland, has carefully examined these essays, and a prize of 300 francs has been awarded to the author for the accompanying paper.

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M. Alexandre Lombard, the President of the Swiss Society, in a letter to the author, says, 'We rejoice to hope that your essay will be printed in England, and we shall be grateful if you will send us copies for our archives. We are glad that your work has been appreciated as it deserves by the doctors composing the jury; and we are glad to see in it one more tie between the exalted work which you follow and ours. May the blessing of God continue to rest upon your labours, and we recommend to the prayers of the friends who surround you, that (to all appearance) more difficult work which we carry on in our canton and in our country.'

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