

us to rest on a solid foundation;—we are led to it step by step by an irresistible induction,—one built on facts occurring in such a connexion, and order of such a nature as to preclude all reasonable doubt or hesitation.

It has often been asserted that infant baptism rests upon as good evidence as the observance of the first of the week, as the day of rest and worship. This we deny. The Scripture evidence for a change of day as respects the Sabbath is strong, satisfactory and conclusive. The evidence which the most zealous believer in the infant rite has been able to adduce from the New Testament in its favour, is, to say the least, weak and unsatisfactory. A rite or observance that cannot show either precept or example to support it, cannot lawfully claim to stand on the same ground as regards Divine authority, as the observance of the first day of the week—"the Lord's day,"—which is mentioned in Scripture in connexion with the most important, vital and sublime facts and doctrines of Christianity, and to which day frequent reference is made in the New Testament. If any one will furnish from the Sacred Volume the same amount of evidence for infant baptism, that is here presented for the observance of the first day as the Sabbath of the New Dispensation, we will admit its claim. We see no reason why the Christian Community should be disturbed as to the propriety of observing the first day as the Sabbath of the Lord,—holy and honourable. The facts we have presented may justly be regarded as God's comment on the law of the Sabbath as adapted to the Gospel;—the ruling of Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, indicated by these facts being under the peculiar circumstances of their occurrence, clearly suggestive of the Divine will, and is as authoritative and binding in this matter as an express command. Be careful and zealous, dear Brethren, to spend the day in the worship of God,—in reading the Scriptures, in meditation and prayer, in hearing the Gospel preached, in attendance on christian ordinances, and for the purpose of instruction, reproof and