

— PROOF 1st.—JOHN IV, 34. 2nd—NUMB. XIII, 30. 3rd—1st CHRON. XXIX, 2. 3. 4th—2nd CHRON. XXXI, 20. 21. 5th—Ez. VI, 14. 15. 6th—NEH. XIII, 30. 31. 7th—Ps. LXXI, 17. 18. 8th—ROM. XV, 19.

How solemn is the recurrence of the first Sabbath of a year! It is right that there should then be cherished feelings of joy and gladness. But it is also right that the first Sabbath of the New Year, should be one of especial solemnity. The period is one of social gatherings and greetings. Surely the Christian heads of families, ought to take especial care that the season may be improved for the highest,—the eternal good of their households. Prove then,

For January 4th.

That it is the duty of parents and heads of families, to attend to the Christian training of their children, and those under their authority.

PROOF 1st—EX. XIII, 8. 2nd—DEUT. VI, 20. 3rd—PROV. XIX, 18. 4th—PROV. XXII, 6. 5th—EPH. V. 22. 25. 6th—EPH. VI, 1. 9.

For January 11th.

Prove the same by examples.

PROOF 1st—GEN. XVIII, 19. 2nd—JOSH. XXIV, 15.

A DAILY PRAYER.

O Lord, my God, to thee I cry,
To Thee I lift my heart;
Oh! hear me from Thy Throne on high,
To me Thy grace impart.

When early morning lights the sky
Let me before Thee fall—
Oh! may I find Thy presence nigh,
My Priest, my King, my All.

When mid-day's beams descend on me,
Oh! guide my footsteps then,
Lest I be drawn from Truth and Thee
By worldly-minded men.

And, when the shadows of the night
Are darkening all the land,
Securely trusting in Thy might,
Let me lie on Thy hand.