

scantly as may be compatible with your salvation, I care little for your obedience, and therefore it would have been of little moment to have given you specific laws. Accordingly, I have left the disclosure of my will so general in my word, that you may easily evade your duty if you so desire, by the excuse, that this and that is not enjoined." It is thus with the Lord's will in reference to the Sabbath. He has not told you at what hour it shall begin or end, nor what precise series of services shall occupy its sacred moments. If you therefore secretly dislike the sanctity of the day, you will be able very easily so to perplex yourself and others with questions of detail, as to find it no difficult task to evade the duty of the day in whole or in part, as your inclination or apparent interest may dictate. But if you account the Sabbath your delight as a season of special devotedness to Jesus, it will be enough of prescribed law that you have been told that your Lord claims *the day* as his, and that he requires the services of prayer, praise, searching the Scriptures, not forsaking the assembling of yourself with your fellow saints, and doing good to all men. His Providence and Spirit will always shew you all the necessary detail. Apply these remarks, and you will soon find your way made plain before your face, and soon prove that the Lord's day is an antepast of the eternal Sabbathism. Only let your eye be single in this matter, as in every other, and your whole body shall be full of light.

If, however, you wish for my views on any specific point of Sabbath duty, write freely and I will gladly give them. Call soon.

I am, &c. &c.,

S. S.

I have found this letter quite adequate to my difficulty: have acted on it, and all the Sabbath delights of the time of my first love have since been realized, on the return of the now welcome and holy day.

The sum of all is this. "If any man is *willing* to do God's will he shall know of the doctrine or duty, whether it be of God. *The meek* will he guide in judgment; *the meek* will he teach his way."

SIMPLEX.

## HOUSEHOLD BAPTISM.

"We do not see how our Baptist brethren can well answer the following pithy remarks of Dr. Wardlaw:—

'It is a remarkable fact,' says the doctor, (p. 109,) 'that we have no mention of anything resembling the baptism of households or families in the accounts of the propagation of the gospel by our Baptist brethren. That the apostle baptized families no believer of the Scripture history can doubt; and we have seen that the manner in which such baptisms are recorded, or referred to, indicates no extraordinary thing. Now it surely is an extraordinary thing that, in the journals and periodical accounts of Baptist missions in heathen countries, we should never meet with any thing of the kind. I question whether, in the thirty years of the history of the Baptist mission in India, there is to be found a single instance of the baptism of a household. When do we find a Baptist missionary saying, 'when she was baptized, with her family'; or, 'I baptized the family of Krishnoo, or any other convert?' We have the baptism of individuals, but nothing corresponding to the apostolic baptism of families. This fact is a strong corroborative proof that there is some difference between their practice and that of the apostles. If the practice of both were the same, there might surely be expected some little correspondence in the facts connected with it.'"—*Dissertation on Infant Baptism.*

The above article has been copied into the periodicals of the various Pedobaptist denominations, both in England and in this country. It appears to be a call for information—an appeal to those who adhere to believer's baptism alone, to exhibit whatever facts may be in their possession. We have reason to believe that our Pedobaptist friends are candid in making these statements—at least, it is the part of charity to think so till the contrary is proved, and it will presently be seen whether they will be equally candid in admitting the correction. Dr. Wardlaw is not alone in this matter, but if we may judge by the number and characters of the men who have made similar statements, his impressions on this subject are quite prevalent. A distinguished theological Professor states in his lecture room, that household baptisms never occur among Baptists, and of course their practice cannot agree with that of the apostles. Says Dr. Woods, *Doctrinal Tract*, No. 35, p. 26, after mentioning