

In the prayer of Jesus, it is observable that he first prays for himself, then prays for his apostles, and subsequently prays for all believers. The language to which the querist invites attention, refers to the apostles: 'I pray . . . for them whom thou *hast given me*'—he therefore has before him, in this portion of his prayer, not all believers, much less all the world, but only his apostles, none of whom were lost, except one, (verse 12.) When the prayer of our Lord is intelligently read and unbiassedly examined, the philosophy which originated in Geneva must be in its last struggles in referring to it for help.

If these hints are not satisfactory to our correspondent, let him be free to speak again.

Respecting the Sabbath it is necessary to say only a few words. When the law was given in the year of the world 2513, all obligations were expressly enjoined. The Sabbath day was observed prior to the law; but its observance before the law was not the ground of Jewish obedience. The Jew kept it because the law so enacted. When the law of faith was established, the Jewish law was no more of force. If then, the seventh day was not brought into the code of the gospel age, it is to be viewed as any other part of the Mosaic law—of no force whatever. Did the first and infallible ministers of Jesus enjoin upon us the observance of the seventh day? We say no; but if any one says otherwise, we will look at the enactment when it is produced. Nor is any other day commanded. Believers in Corinth, in Troas, and in Galatia where in the habit of statedly meeting to worship Jesus on the first day of the week; and if these examples do not constitute a sufficient guide during the existence of the dispensation of Christ's love, we know of no obligation touching any day.

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## A RELIGIOUS PERIODICAL STILL NEEDED.

### TO THE READERS OF THE CHRISTIAN BANNER.

I give it as my humble opinion that a religious periodical is still needed in the Provinces to advocate and defend primitive christianity.

1. It is a cheap way of advocating truth and opposing error. This way was resorted to in ancient times, and seems now as necessary as ever. The community is divided into parties; each party has its periodical to advocate and defend its views; and those who believe that they are