

charges among them, ought to contribute of their substance, according to each one's ability, that there may be an equality; and the church has a right to judge of the ability of each member, and ought to deal with those as covetous who neglect this duty.—1st Corinthians ix. 6, 14; 1st Timothy v. 17, 18; Galatians vi. 6, 7; Matthew x. 10; 2d Corinthians ix. 7; Prov. xi. 25; 2d Corinthians viii. 12, 14; 1st Corinthians v. 11.

ARTICLE XII.

It is our duty to give alms, especially to help the needy members of the church, yet not excluding application to that provision made by laws for the relief of the poor.—Galatians vi. 10; 1st John iii. 17; James ii. 14, 17.

ARTICLE XIII.

The first day of the week is, by way of eminence, styled the Lord's Day, and the whole day ought to be devoted to the public and private duties of religion, by assembling for public worship, and attending to divine things at home; abstaining from labor, walking abroad to view fields or crops, visiting, worldly conversation, reading such books and papers as are not religious, and from all other worldly employment, except works of necessity and mercy.—Exodus xx. 8, 9; Isaiah lviii. 13; Acts xx. 7; 1st Corinthians xvi. 2; Revelations i. 10; Matthew xii. 12.

ARTICLE XIV.

Both secret and family prayer is a duty. Those who are the heads of families, ought daily to have the scriptures read in the hearing of those under their care, and to talk to them of divine things, and to pray with them, both night and morning, every day, so long as they have strength and opportunity; to see that they attend public worship, and to endeavor to restrain them from gaming, balls, and vicious courses; and heads of families who neglect this duty or any of them, ought to be called to an account by the church.—1st Timothy ii. 8; Matthew vi. 6; 1st Peter iii. 7; Daniel vi. 10; Ephesians vi. 18; Jeremiah x. 26; Joshua xxiv. 15; Psalm lv. 16, 17.