

God, in terms most unequivocal, has enjoined upon his people the duty of propagating the truth and holding up the light of heaven.

And it is another awful, undeniable, and tremendous fact that this duty is neglected: and that among the people professedly of God there is little enterprize, little zeal, little spiritual activity: that they resemble a pilot slumbering in a storm, more than people "awake to righteousness."—— Christian professor, where are you—and—what are you doing? CONDUCTOR.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following two letters speak for themselves, and require neither criticism nor commentary. They are from the pens of men who have for years advocated the cause of apostolical truth, in opposition to the various religious fashions now current among both churchmen and dissenters.

Dear Brother Oliphant,

Some thoughts having occurred to me in connection with certain reflections respecting the publication just commenced under your superintendence, I have put them on paper and now forward them to you, that you may, if you deem it proper, give them a place in your periodical,

The name you have made choice of is a good one, and I pray that it may be becomingly sustained. Truth is the most important subject which can engage the human mind, and its being received or rejected bears a most momentous influence on the happiness or wretchedness of man; and consequently, he who assumes the character of a witness in its behalf, occupies at once an honorable, important, and responsible position, and these unmeasurably increase when Divine truth is the subject of testimony.

My thoughts were somehow, by the name you have adopted, led to a phrase—a phrase which contains much—which is frequently made use of and almost invariably in a very different acceptation from that in which it is employed by the inspired writer. I do hope that you will not imagine from my remarks made respecting the erroneous application of the scripture language referred to, that I am at all of the mind expressed in the communication of your first correspondent, or fear that your witnessing for the truth is to be a mere wrangling or disputing about doctrines or institutions without regard to their practical bearing. I entertain no such fear, but feel assured that the high moral tendency of the doctrines and ordinances of christianity will be that which you will study to place most prominently and vividly before, and press most powerfully upon, your readers.

The phrase then to which I refer, is, as already observed, one from the scriptures, viz., "The truth as it is in Jesus." This language is very fre-