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Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God.—*Peter*. On this Rock I will build my Church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah*.

PROSPECTUS.

THE CONDUCTORS OF THE CHRISTIAN estimate every human production in proportion as it creates in the minds of its readers a love, reverence, and respect for the Word of God. With them a christian is one who believes what the Messiah has said, and practices what he has commanded.

This Work shall have for its object, the recovery of Primitive Christianity from the speculations of the past and present ages, and its further development, in its native simplicity, beauty, and excellency, as taught in the Living Oracles; it shall advocate the cause in which the Apostles and first Christians suffered, laboured and died.

Subservient to this object the following principles shall be attended to:—

1. The authenticity of the Living Oracles, their worth as the grand criterion of faith and practice, and as the *only* arbiter of all religious controversy.

2. The Scriptures shall be advocated as being “profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness,” not only able to perfect the man of God, but a sure guide to eternal life.

3. Answer the important question—What did the Apostles preach as the Gospel of the blessed Saviour?

4. Show its perfect adaptation to the lost and ruined condition of the human family.

5. Contrast this with what is called Gospel at the present day.

6. Advocate the necessity of a return to a pure speech—to the Word of God.

7. Endeavor to ascertain the order of the Primitive Churches, and call upon our fellow men to return to the apostolic and ancient order of things.

8. Answer important queries relative to the faith and practice of Christians.

9. Take a passing notice of Religious Periodicals and Publications.

10. Publish the success of the Gospel throughout the world, so far as we become acquainted with its progress.

Thus THE CHRISTIAN shall give both sides of all religious controversies connected with the present and future salvation of the human family.—Those differing from us in sentiment on the above topics, shall have the privilege of occupying a reasonable share of our pages so long as they conduct themselves as gentlemen. Religious speculations and opinions shall be discarded. The difference between matters of *Faith* and *Opinion* shall be pointed out; and the necessity of all Christians receiving each other, without regard to differences of opinion, shall be a prominent feature of THE CHRISTIAN.