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"If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God,"
"This is love, that we walk after his commandments."

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A NEW CORRESPONDENT.

DEAR BROTHER EATON:—Through the kindness of brother Dunphy I have been furnished with a few numbers of the Christian Banner, which I like very much. I feel heartily glad to learn what I do by your publication of the light shining in the Eastern country, on the principles of Primitive Christianity. I thank God that there are a few men yet left in this degenerate age who dare stand up and contend manfully for the truth of God, and trust, sir, from what I have read from your publication that this is the position you occupy.—May God sustain you in the work of reviving the original principles of the gospel. I was not aware that there were those in the Provinces, who were doing the important work in which you seem to be engaged. I fully subscribe to the most of the principles I meet with in "The Banner;" from some I dissent; I have however concluded to subscribe for it, and although I make no pretensions as a writer, I can but think best to write some, and I herewith send you the first part of an article which if you think worthy of a place, you may publish as you have room. I will send the remainder soon, and as I am endeavouring with all my ability to call men to repentance and obedience to the gospel by presenting gospel truth, I feel a lively interest in all who are thus engaged. Your brother in the love of Christ.

J. A. WELLCOME.

Gardiner, Me., April 18th, 1852.

THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE.

For we are saved by hope, but hope that is seen is not hope, for what a man seeth why doth he yet hope for. But if we hope for that we see not then do we with patience wait for it. Rom. viii. 24, 25.

I purpose from this text, in connection with other scriptures, to examine the nature of the hope set before us in the gospel. In doing this let us first notice what hope is, secondly, who are saved by hope, thirdly, what does the gospel hope embrace.

First, what is hope?

Is it a mere abstract desire of the heart, originating from a natural instinct for one's protection, or from human ambition, which aspires after some real, or supposed good, not now enjoyed?