

CHRIST,

The Teacher Sent from God.

CHAPTER I.

Christ, the Teacher : His Character.

"And He went forth again by the sea side, and all the multitude resorted unto Him, and He taught them."

THE character and work of the Lord Jesus Christ may be considered under various aspects, for in his mission to the world there is a manifold wisdom. His chief and special characteristic is as a PRINCE and a SAVIOUR, who came to redeem man from the power of sin and death. He is also set forth in the Gospel as an *example* to his people—the perfect pattern of what their lives should be. But he is a *Teacher* also, who came to teach the people knowledge, to instruct them in the will of God, and by his Spirit to lead them into all the truth. *Teaching* was one of his prominent functions ; he was recognised by all in this character : "Thou art a teacher sent from God."—John iii., 3. His enemies said of him, "He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Jewry, beginning from Galilee to this place."—Luke xxiii., 5. While the Evangelists, in recording his life, affirm that Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom."—Matt. iv., 23. As he passed from village to village, and from place to place, his auditors became more numerous. His teaching was so much

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