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**THE CHRISTIAN PRIESTHOOD,**

In our last issue of "*The Instructor*" we replied at some length to the unreasonable charges made against the Church by the Rev. Charles Cheney, of Chicago, Dr. Cummins, and others, shewing the unscriptural character of the new Sect from the plainest passages of the word of God. We wish in this number, to direct our readers' attention to the teaching of the Holy Scriptures in relation to the Christian Priesthood, and we do this because every one of the gentlemen referred to denounce the Priesthood of the Church of England as an innovation which they tell us is fraught with such serious consequences as compels them to come over from the United States to teach us the first principles of the Christian religion. In return, we are obliged to request them to banish anger, hatred, and malice from their bosoms, and to receive with meekness the engrafted word,

which is able to save their souls: James i. 21.

From the beginning of this world's history, a priesthood had been appointed by Divine authority. Abel we are told offered up an acceptable sacrifice to God, which pointed to the great sacrifice of "the seed of the woman," Gen. 3, 15. which in the fulness of time was to be offered upon the Cross for man's transgressions. In the Patriarchal dispensation there were divinely appointed persons to offer up sacrifices to God. The sacrificer we now call a priest; in those days they were known by a different name, yet they performed the office of a priest under the title of patriarch or prophet. It is the office we are seeking after, and not any particular name known to a particular people or nation. The long list of Aaron's line continued to discharge their office so long as they pointed forward to our great