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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*.

## THE STUDY OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.

THE grand object of this publication is to impart scriptural knowledge. When it loses sight of this work it ceases to perform the mission of *The Christian*. The first page ever written for it contained a promise that it should always be an index to the Word of God. We feel exceedingly anxious that our readers should become diligent students of the "lively oracles." It is a shame for a professor of Christianity to say, "the Bible, and the Bible alone, is my rule of faith and practice," and at the same time to be ignorant of its general contents. It is a divine command that we "grow in grace and in knowledge." How shall we obey the latter part of the precept—indeed how shall we obey any part of it without diligently studying the teachings of Jesus and the Apostles. Some time before the conductor of this humble sheet made any profession of christianity, a disciple of the Saviour in Eastport, presented him a copy of the New Testament translated by Doctors George Campbell, Macknight, and Doddridge, with prefatory remarks, notes &c: by Alex. Campbell. He read the prefatory remarks with great interest. He has since had access to most of the popular Commentaries, Theological, and Controversial works; but he feels himself more indebted to these prefatory remarks for what knowledge he has of the Christian Scriptures than all the other human productions which have come under his notice. Honor to whom honor is due. He would gratefully acknowledge the benefits that he has derived from the labors of others: and he does it in this place to create a desire within his readers to give the same production—not only a careful reading, but a thorough examination. From month to month the remarks alluded to shall be laid before the readers of *The Christian*. Many of them will recognize the following article as an old acquaintance; but they will be pleased to see it spread before the community in so cheap a form.

The remarks on the history of the Lord are rather too extended for so small a publication; but they are too good to be divided.

If there happen to be a reader who does not feel interested in such a production, we would commend to his particular notice the concluding paragraphs, and submit the question whether in the numerous essays of the present century he can produce one of equal beauty and elegance? We ask, therefore, for the whole a careful and a thorough investigation.