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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*.

(From the *Trumpet and Universalist Magazine*.)

To the Rev. W. W. EATON, Saint John, N. B.

DEAR SIR,—Through the politeness of the Editor of the "Trumpet," I have received "The Christian" for February. In this paper I find a letter purporting to have been originally addressed by you to the "Trumpet" containing some strictures upon a part of a narrative I published of my journey to Nova-Scotia in September last. You undertake to say, that the account I there gave of my interview with the Rev. Mr. Howard is not entirely correct. You observe, "Being on a preaching excursion through some of the same places myself, I happened at one of the meetings mentioned by Mr. Taylor. I had also the pleasure of an interview with him at the house of our mutual friend, Mr. Starr. Having learned directly all the facts and circumstances relative to his interview with Mr. Howard, judge of my surprise when I learned that Mr. T. had told only *part* of the truth in relation to the proposed discussion with Mr. Howard! This extract appears to me designed to deceive the reader. "I happened at one of the meetings mentioned by Mr. Taylor. Having learned *directly*," &c. The obvious impression intended to be conveyed here, is that you were present at the meeting at which my interview with Mr. Howard took place, and consequently could speak from actual knowledge in the statements you were going to make in regard to that interview. But I believe you were *not* present that evening—on the contrary, I think you held a meeting some miles distant. Neither have I the least recollection of your attending any meeting at which I preached. The interview at Br. Starr's of which you speak, took place before the conference with Mr. Howard. But perhaps you will say the above extract does not assert that you were present at any of *my* meetings, but only at one "*mentioned*" by me in the account I published. True; and that meeting, I believe, was the one held between Mr. Howard and Mr. Somerville, to discuss the subject of baptism. But how could your being present at *that* meeting qualify you to speak touching the correctness of my narrative? It of course could not. Why then did you mention this circumstance in