

THE
CHRISTIAN BANNER.

"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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SINCERITY SEEKING THE WAY TO HEAVEN.

CHAPTER I.

Sincerity, a young man of twenty-one years, awoke one morning, and soliloquized with himself thus: "I have now arrived at manhood, and feel surprised when I think that twenty-one years of my life have fled and I have not made the first effort to seek God. I am astonished at myself that I have lived this long without God, and without hope. I will remain in this condition no longer. If there is a man in this town who can show me the way to heaven, I will enter upon it before the setting of another sun. I will immediately cross the way to the residence of Mr. H., the Presiding Elder of the Methodist Church, an excellent man, who will readily show me the way to heaven." In a few minutes our young friend was rapping at the door of Mr. H. "Walk in," responded from within. "Good morning, Mr. S.," said the good man; "I trust I see you well." "Quite well, Mr. H., in body, but I have much concern of mind. I am, sir, alarmed, when I think that twenty-one years of my life are gone, and I am not a *Christian!* I have, therefore, called upon you, as a friend, to show me what I must do to be saved."

Honesty. Do you desire that I should pray for you?

Sincerity. I am ignorant of the way of salvation. I desire you to point out what the Lord requires me to do, that I may be saved. If it be for you to pray for me, for me to pray for myself, or anything else, I am ready to do it, that I may find salvation.