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“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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UNBELIEF.

ITS NATURE.

The advent of Christ into our world was a wonderful enhancement of men's privileges. The predictions, relating to his first coming, were signally fulfilled in him. It was most evident that he was the antitype of all the types, the substance of all the shadows. He revealed the character of God, as he was God manifest in the flesh. The way of salvation by faith in his atonement was more clearly made known by him than ever before. He threw a flood of heavenly light on the subject of morals. As his coming greatly increased men's privileges, it greatly increased their responsibilities. Consequently the neglect or contempt of these adds enormously to their criminality. As it is impossible to create a race of moral agents without involving the possibility of sin, so it is impossible to increase men's privileges without increasing their responsibilities, so that if men abuse these privileges they bring down on themselves, for their contumacy, a heavier load of punishment. Hence Jesus says. “ If I had not come and spoken unto them they had not had sin, but now they have on cloak for their sin.” Hence the Divine Spirit convinces men of sin, because they believe not in Jesus.

It follows from the above consideration that unbelief is the great sin. It is by continuing in unbelief that men continue in other sins. When men believe in Jesus they give up sin. By persisting in unbelief, they remain in the ways of evil.

We are wishful in this paper to shew the nature of unbelief.