

the first and second volumes; whether we shall ever receive it or not depends upon the honesty of those who are indebted; for we can neither call on them ourself or pay an agent for that purpose. There are yet, at least *one hundred and fifty dollars* due the printer for his faithful labours in printing this work for us. All we ask, however, of the community is our just dues, and we shall not only be able to cancel the debt, but also have something for our labour. Some may imagine that we have engaged to pay the printer too high a price; but he informs us that he cannot afford to print it another year for the same amount.

It is extremely mortifying to us to be compelled to proclaim our poverty, and much more so to think that we have subscribers to an independent religious publication who will neglect the payment of so small a sum until dunned for it!! In the first number, of this work we apprised our readers that we wanted none but those who *designed to pay*. And yet there are many who through their agents, unsolicited by us, have sent in their names, to whom we have, sent the work and paid in advance *one shilling* on each volume, postage, and yet they refused to pay although abundantly able!! It is a matter of joy, however, to us that these men are *professedly* too "orthodox" and "spiritual" to be recognized as our brethren! Their names deserve to be posted through the length and breadth of the land; but we shall for the present spare them. If they were not pleased with the work, why not order a discontinuance? But not so—they permitted us even to send the *fourth* No. of the second Volume, on which we had also to pay postage, before they ordered a discontinuance. The number, however, who have thus treated us is small, and for the honour of humanity would to the Lord it was less.

But we have other troubles to recount. A package of more than a hundred of No. 4, with a letter to Br. Garraty, was deposited on board of one of the steamers bound to Fredericton, plainly superscribed and well put up. On her passage, or in Fredericton, the package and letter were broken open and every number taken away—the letter thrown in the street, where it was found some weeks afterwards; but of "The Christian" we never could obtain information! They are no doubt reduced to their native elements, where their authors would long since have been were it not for the wholesome laws of the land! In fact it is almost impossible to get even a letter to Br. Garraty without special care. In consequence therefore of the above loss we are deficient more than one hundred of that number.

But this is wandering from our purpose. We are desirous of continuing "The Christian," if our friends will become responsible for the expense of publishing it; and the best way to do that is to let us know, as soon as convenient, for how many volumes each agent, or those who feel interested will become responsible. You need not send any money for a *third* volume until you receive another number, which will not be issued until all arrearages are paid; or at least till we settle with the printer.

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