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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*

INTRODUCTORY ADDRESS.

BRETHREN AND FRIENDS:—Another number of "The Christian"—the beginning of the Fourth Volume, respectfully asks a hearing! You have so attentively, so uncomplainingly listened to his monthly communications of miscellaneous items that he feels quite bold in his present improved garb. His new dress has given him a higher opinion of himself. During "Christmas Holidays," in anticipation of a new year, and a new coat, he has doubled his size. He is now quite confident that he will contain twice as much intelligence as he did last year. His intercourse with the world has taught him that much, very much, depends on appearances. A man with a good coat and a fine exterior can gain admission to society from which the real labourer in his shirt sleeves would be excluded, though the latter might be the better man. This being the custom of society, "The Christian" would conform to it, so far as external appearances are concerned, as to keep himself neat and clean. He is willing, nay he considers it his duty to conform to common usages, which neither in letter nor spirit detract from the Divine Word, or his character as a Christian. It will, during this year, be his study and delight to come before you every month, not only in a "coat of many colors," but with his inner man well stored with treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

In the first place he is exceedingly anxious to sustain his reputation as a Christian. He is much pleased with his name. He is not disposed to say that those who *do not* speak and practice all that he inculcates are not christians, that they are unworthy the name; but it would give him great joy if all who believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah the Son of God, and practically manifest that faith, would consent to be known only as christians. He does not, however, think so highly of his name, as to make it a rallying point, or a party badge. He as highly esteems a fellow professor with any other name, if he exhibits the temper and spirit of a primitive christian. As above stated, he is anxiously desirous, not only of sustaining his reputation for plainness, impartiality, and attachment to the truth, but he promises to do his utmost to increase in knowledge, and that kind of knowledge too, most needed by his readers. He is not insensible to the fact, that many of his

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