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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 Hades shall not prevail against it.—*The Lord Messiah*.

## COMMUNICATION FROM IRELAND.

THE following interesting communication from Brother HUNTER, will be read with eagerness, we doubt not, by all our readers who were favored with his acquaintance. It is expected that he will continue to write for the *Christian*.

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BROTHER EATON,

On returning from a health-seeking ramble among the mountains of Tyrone, I found a foreign package in the Post Office, bearing, most legibly, my present address. On opening it, what was my astonishment and delight to find it containing nothing less than ten numbers of your periodical, "The Christian." Returning to my lodgings, I gave them a hasty perusal, and fell into a pleasant state of mind, which gave birth to the following reflections, whose destiny I herewith commit to your good will and pleasure.

The Christian! Who is he? and in what does he differ from others? I asked the *world*; and it replied, "he is either knave or fool: fool, if believing in the reality of another world, he forfeits the pleasures of this; and knave, if not believing, he seeks to envy what he pretends to abandon."

I asked the varied hosts of *Sectarian religionists*, who boasted of a superadded appellation besides the holy patronymic of their high profession; and they answered, "he is one devoted to his God in infancy by the authority of the sages of our Israel; taught to regard himself a chosen one by virtue of such dedication; whose virtue consists of a Turkish adherence to the traditions of his fathers; and whose boast in life and death is, that he never suffered an honest difference of opinion to pass undenounced, nor ever pled for a positive command of heaven but as a non-essential!"

I turned me to the unerring page, and of the "Book of books" inquired, *Who is the Christian? and in what does he differ from others?* and methought I heard it say, "he is a hapless son of a ruined race—