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COMMUNICATIONS.

To the Editors of the Christian Sun.

Shall the Sun be sustained? Shall the principles of orthodoxy be propagated? Shall its editor and publisher suffice? Shall it when the world loves falsehood and easily forward discreditable falsehoods? Shall the Sun do the work which he has displayed above, or bring him no remuneration? —*A friend of the Sun.*

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