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TOLEDO, OHIO, March 24, 1866.

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"THEY make the salve a sore, the plaster a plague; they wrest the Scripture to make a wreath to wrinch their own soule. As they play with the backe of Scripture, so I have turned the edge against them; as they would draw a cloude over the lighte, so I by the beames thereof have chaste away the mist; where they sucke poyson, we finde pearles; wherewith they would wounde even with error, we wind ourselves out of their snares. If any man thinke this labour superfluous, and that our faith ought not to be drawne to questions, and that controversies breede rather contention than contentment, and tend rather to division than tender edefying; and that consent in faith is better than contention about faith, and unitie to be preferred before varietie; I answer, healthe is better than wounds, and soundness than sickness; yet the bodie, when it is wounded must be healed; so error when it is spread must be dispersed, and heresie set on foote must be confuted, and poyson infecting must be kept from festering. Peace is to be embraced, but where the truth is not defaced; unitie is to be desired, but where the veritie is not defeated; and love to be maintained, where religion is not impugned."

BRIEF ESSAYS
ON THE
TRUTH OF CHRISTIANITY.



INTRODUCTION.

IN consequence of the prevalence of skepticism in some of its multifarious forms and manifestations among many of our members of Temperance institutions, and the consequent repudiation of membership therein by numbers of professing Christians, I have been influenced to write a series of brief essays illustrative and confirmatory of the Christian religion. In approaching you, reader, as the advocate of a pure and simple faith, I shall not attempt to captivate your imagination by the charms of novelty, nor tax your patience by elaborate explana-