

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

"I am the light of the world."
"Preach the Gospel to every creature."—JESUS.

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GOD'S CHIEF END,*

Christian friends and Brethren:—You are aware that the American Branch of the Evangelical Union of Scotland was organized in Guelph on the third of July, 1861. This is consequently the first annual meeting of our Conference. We are yet but few in number, and our churches are at a considerable distance from one another. Our cause is young and tender, and needs to be nursed and nourished and carried along in the arms of him who has ever been with his people, who has cared for and carried them all the days of old. We believe it is not the will of our heavenly Father that one of these little churches and preaching-stations should perish. We trust and pray that the chief shepherd and bishop of souls will gather the lambs with his arms and carry them in his bosom.

We are fully persuaded that the cause in which we are engaged is a good cause, a glorious cause, and that we have the truth of God, and the God of truth upon our side.

We are fully persuaded also that the object which we have in view in our meetings and efforts is the spread of vital Christianity. Isaac Taylor in his excellent work on spiritual Christianity tells us, that it "IS A RELIGION OF FACTS WITH WHICH ALL MEN WITHOUT EXCEPTION AND WITHOUT DISTINCTION, AND IN AN EQUAL DEGREE, ARE PERSONALLY CONCERNED."

*The substance of an address delivered by the Rev. Henry Melville, at the opening of the Conference of the American Branch of the Evangelical Union of Scotland; which met in Albert Street Church, Toronto, on Wednesday, July 2nd, 1862.