

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

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

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TO OUR READERS.

In issuing the first number of the second volume of the *Canadian Day Star*, we deem it of importance that there should be a good understanding between us and our readers. We therefore wish to state our objects and aims, in the publication of our little monthly.

Our great object, if we know our own hearts, is to glorify God. This is the chief end of man. In subordination to this, which is the ultimate end at which we aim, we seek that men may be brought to Christ, and that those who have come to Christ should increase in likeness to Him. It is a blessed thought to us that God is glorified in the salvation of souls through the faith of the Gospel, and in their progress in resemblance to Jesus, the 'altogether lovely' One. We seek these ends by the exhibition of the truth, respecting the love of the triune God to every man. We seek the revival and the spread of pure and undefiled religion, on the basis of the love of the divine Father to all men; of the propitiation of the divine Son for all men; and of the strivings of the divine Spirit with all men. In advocating these grand evangelical verities, we need to combat those theological errors, hoary with years, entertained by many, which to many souls becloud the love of God. We do not engage in controversy from love of controversy,—we would rather that there was no need for it. But just as storms, however fearful, result in the purifying of the atmosphere, rendering it healthful and pleasant,—so, we think, controversy is needed to purify the world of thought. We love peace, but we love truth also. And, if we must needs sacrifice one, we will rather sacrifice peace