

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

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

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MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.

In his touching and truly eloquent address to the elders of the Church at Ephesus, recorded in the twentieth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, Paul says, “I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.”

We have reason to believe that the Apostle of the Gentiles was in more respects than one the greatest man that lived in primitive times. As an office-bearer in the church he was not behind the very chief of the Apostles; as a preacher he was bold, earnest, and affectionate; his words were with power; and his labours in the vineyard of his Divine Master were crowned with remarkable success. In Christian attainments he stood shoulder high above almost all who were in Christ before him. He was characterised by zeal, earnestness, prayerfulness, and devotion to the work of the holy ministry.

He travelled by day and by night, by sea and by land, preaching Christ and planting churches. When he met with opposition, with persecution, with stripes or imprisonment none of those things moved him from the grand, the noble, the sublime purpose of his life. He was humble and gentle as a lamb, yet in the defence and propagation of the glorious gospel, he was undaunted and bold as a lion.

He was willing to be anything or nothing for Christ; he was prepared to go any where for Christ, to do any thing for Christ, and to suffer martyrdom if necessary for Christ and his cause.