

# 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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## DID CHRIST DESIRE THE SALVATION OF JUDAS?

A Presbyterian minister, in a village, in one of the northern counties of England, who occasionally treated his hearers to a lengthened denunciation of the doctrine of a universal atonement, on one occasion wound up his somewhat fervid remarks, by putting the question, "Do ye think Christ died for Jamie the Clogger?" The party named was the most drunken and degraded person in the village and neighborhood; and when under the influence of drink, the poor man would make a tour of the village, vomiting out the most fearful oaths and imprecations. The good minister thought it would be approaching the blasphemous to affirm that Christ died for that poor debauched and profane man. Now this minister is just the representative of a class, the very foundation and bulwark of whose theology is, that Christ died for none but respectable sinners. But we believe that Christ died for the disreputable sinners as well—that he died for the chief of sinners. And among disreputable sinners, where may we find one of deeper dye than the disciple who betrayed his Master.

The principal fact related of Judas previous to his betrayal of the Redeemer is his displeasure at Mary for expending so much precious ointment upon the body of the Redeemer, when it might have been sold for so much and given to the poor. There does not seem to have been any want of confidence on the part of the other disciples in regard to Judas hitherto. He had acted as the