

opportunity of doing so, in the hope that they will subscribe for it without delay, and thus encourage us to go forward with its publication. We shall take it as a great favour if all who welcome it, will remit to us the amount of the year's subscription, and recommend it to their friends, and thus increase our circulation.

OUR MOTTO.

"I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD."

We wish in the first number of our *Canadian Day-Star* to say a few words on our motto. It is a very significant, and, we believe, a very appropriate motto.

The words of which it is composed are true, and beautiful, and good. They are transparent as a ray of light, because they come directly from the Sun of Righteousness.

Christ is frequently spoken of in Scripture as a light, and though the language is figurative or symbolical, it is none the less significant and expressive. For example, the Divine Father speaks of Jesus as a light to lighten the Gentiles, as well as the glory of his people Israel. "I the Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles." Isaiah xlii. 6. Also in Malachi iv. 2, we find the following language: "But unto you that fear my name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings, and ye shall go forth and grow up as calves of the stall." In the Gospel according to Luke, we find the following expressive and heart-cheering declaration; "Through the tender mercy of our God, whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." The beloved disciple delighted to speak of Him on whose bosom he leaned, as the source of all life and all light. "In him was life, and the life was the light of men. And the light shineth in darkness, and the darkness comprehended it not."