

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

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

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LIFE—ITS IMPORTANCE AND REALITY.

We are approaching the close of another year. This is a suitable time to inquire what we are living for. Our lives are hastening away. We shall soon have done with time. The question put to Pharaoh by Jacob, How old art thou? was fitted to excite him to contemplate the past, to consider what he had been living for, what he had done for God, and what were his prospects for the future. We wish in our closing number of 1863 to impress our readers with the importance and reality of life.

Life is a reality; it is important. O how few are impressed with its importance as they ought to be. Many are impressed with the thought that death is a reality. They tremble when they think of *it*. They put it away in the dim distance. But the thought that *life* is a reality does not enter their minds. They live for self. But, reader, if you are afraid to die, you should be afraid to live. If you are unprepared to die, you are unfit to live so as to serve God and your generation.

"Life is real!—life is earnest!
And the grave is not its goal;
Dust thou art, to dust returnest,
Was not spoken to the soul."

Many young persons are oblivious of the realities of the present, because of their dreams of the future. The present time they spend heedlessly, always looking forward to to-morrow for some substantial good. Such are unimpressed with the importance and