

# 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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## THE DEATH OF THE RIGHTEOUS,—ITS DESIR- ABLENESS.

All must die. Death opens his inexorable gates as wide to the king as to the pauper. The young and the aged—the rich and the poor—the learned and the illiterate—the man of gaiety and fashion, and the man who walks not according to the course of this world—the man of carelessness and the man of devoutness—all must meet in the narrow house appointed for all living. There are many things you can avoid, but this you cannot. Many things you can flee from, but from death you cannot flee. Prepared or unprepared, you must die.

It appears to us that a most triumphant argument for the truth of the religion of Jesus could be derived from a comparison of the deaths of infidels and wicked men, and the deaths of men who lived under its influence. Death is the time when a person's principles are tested. If he cannot hold them then, if they will not support him then, they are not worth having. If they are not such as to give support and comfort in the hour of death, they are not fitted to guide us through the changing scenes of life. Whatever is unfit to die with, is unfit to live with. But infidels are very much displeased with us for meddling with the deathbeds of their friends. Now we think we are perfectly entitled to ask what support can their principles give them in death? They set themselves forward as the reformers of mankind, and designate Christianity—which we regard as the panacea for the moral mala-