

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

“ I am the light of the world.”

“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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THE PROPITIATION AND THE DIVINE PURPOSE.

It would not do in human law to pardon a criminal, a murderer for instance, simply on the ground of his profession of penitence. Justice must be satisfied. And as satisfaction, it demands some display of the evil of the crime with which the criminal is charged, and of which he has been found guilty. In human law it may be impossible to give this satisfaction in any other way than by the punishment of the criminal. In the moral government of God, justice demands, for the good of the moral universe, a display of the evil of sin. Hence the punishment of the “angels that kept not their first estate.” It did not please God to shew to the universe the evil of *their* sin in any other way than by their punishment. But in the case of human sinners, God has found out “a witty invention,” the wittiest of all his witty inventions, whereby they may escape the punishment due to their sins. He has, in the sufferings and death of his Son, who assumed our nature and stood in our room, exhibited, to the onlooking universe of intelligences, the evil of sin, as committed by man, so that, without injury to any moral being, he might restore man to his favour, and that too in such a way as is fitted to impress man himself with the evil of his sin and deliver him from sinning. When the sinner