

soon constrain you to cry for mercy, and to seek that mercy at the cross. The mariner does not throw away the little light which shines upon him from the polar star, but retains it in his eye till he safely reaches the port in view. And if Jesus appears to you in the feeble beams of the morning star, hold it in your view, for what you see, though but a glimmering, still is light, a beam from your Immanuel's face. Welcome the conviction. "Forerunner of the sun, it marks the pilgrim's way." You would not feel as you do if God had given you up. God would not have showed you such things had he intended you no mercy. That which makes the dawn so agreeable is that it is the presage of a brighter light.

The returns of light at the stated hour are an emblem of *certainty*. If we expect no more day than the dawn gives us, we should not rejoice in the early beauties of the morning. The sun, even at midnight, is hastening towards us unseen. Even so, "the *goings forth* of the Sun of Righteousness are *prepared*," appointed, ready to appear, not like those of the evening, whose rays are leaving us in darkness, but "as the morning," from early dawn to noon-day brightness, from the first sense of guilt to "the full assurance of hope."

"I've watched and watched, and seen how slowly
Great truths emancipate the mind;
Even sunbeams, though so bright and holy,
A tardy course through darkness find;
And yet I feel and know securely,
That light will force its onward way,
And out of night bring morning surely—
Morn brightening into perfect day."

Then shall ye know if ye follow on to know the Lord; his going forth is "*prepared as the morning*." "He that followeth me," says Christ, "shall not walk in darkness." If you walk in the same path with him, you shall be enshroued with the same celestial brightness. The closer you keep to him, the clearer shall be your light, and the safer your road. His light shall so stream upon you all the way, that you shall become yourself an illuminated man. You may, indeed, meet with hidden snares and pitfalls, stumbling stones, turnings and windings; but in spite of the world, the devil, and yourself, if you have entered "the narrow way" through "the strait gate," your path will lead you to God's right hand; and at length you will discover, to "the praise of his glory," that your present dim and partial light is but "the shadow of God."

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The first members of our order that settled in Garafraxa were the late Andrew Gerrie, sen., and family, who did so in 1840. Arriving in Montreal from Britain in 1838, he received from Rev. Dr. Wilkes a letter of introduction to the late C. J. Mickle, Esq., Guelph, and on reaching that locality, along with other members of his family, joined by letter the Guelph Church, then under the pastorate of the Rev. W.