

# 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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## FAITH, THE FRIEND AND SUPPORTER OF THE LAW.

"Do we then make void the law through faith. God forbid; yea, we establish the law." Rom. iii. 31.

The doctrine of justification by faith, has had to encounter opposition from the time of its promulgation by apostles and evangelists, down to the present day. Often has it been asserted, with no small degree of assurance, that the doctrine is the parent of licentiousness, and, its heralds have been denounced as the friends of unrighteousness, and the enemies of social purity. Many would prefer to obtain the blessing, through some creature price, or work of supererogation. Inward and outward mortifications have been put forth as the procuring cause of the great blessing. A poor monk tried to obtain it by begging for the support of himself and his companions during the day, and reclining on a hard wooden bed during the night. But the man discovered a better way, and became the reformer of the age, and the bold, and uncompromising advocate of justification by faith. The history of this glorious doctrine may often be traced in the blood of its defenders. But as often has that blood proved the seed of the Church. The ashes of the martyr, as if impregnated with the truth, have carried it hither and thither throughout the world. The flow of blood has been stayed, and the martyr fires long ago quenched; but, opposition to the truth has not altogether disappeared. Justification by faith may occupy a high niche in the