

# 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 FIRST RECORDED WORDS OF THE HOLY CHILD JESUS.

What were they? To whom were they addressed? Where was he when he uttered them? What do they imply, and what lessons do they teach? These are important questions, and if we turn to Luke, the second chapter and forty-ninth verse, we shall find an answer: “How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye not that I should be about my Father’s business?” Very little is known of the infancy and childhood of the Divine man. Much that we would like to know is wrapt up in obscurity. It seems never to have been a part of God’s plan to gratify the mere curiosity of any of his creatures. Enough, however, is revealed to satisfy our moral wants, and increase our desire for more of that knowledge which is fitted and designed to edify and ennoble, as well as interest and instruct.

Joseph and Mary went up from the town of Nazareth every year at the feast of the Passover to the city of the Great King to worship the God of their fathers. And when the Child Jesus was twelve years old he went up with them to Jerusalem, after the custom of the feast. The Boy Jesus was beloved by Joseph and Mary. They watched over him with peculiar care, and cherished in their bosoms peculiar feelings, and were doubtless