

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

“ I am the light of the world.”

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

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THE REASONS WHY MANY ARE CALLED, AND FEW CHOSEN.

In the first chapter of the book of Proverbs we find the following language, “ Because I have called, and ye refused. I have stretched out my hands, and no man regarded : But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof : I also will laugh at your calamity : I will mock when your fear cometh ; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind : when distress and anguish come upon you : Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer ; they shall seek me early, but shall not find me. For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord : They would none of my counsel ; they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own ways, and be filled with their own devices.”

It is quite evident that, though these words were written by Solomon, he is not the speaker. They did not originate with him ; he could not in truth utter them. He merely echoes, or rather we should say, reports what he hears the mighty monarch of the universe say, expressing complaint and lamentation at the wickedness, the ingratitude, the obstinacy and unbelief of sinners to whom he has been calling,—for whose salvation he has been stretching out the arms of his compassion, whom he has been counselling, reproving, and entreating to turn and live.