

THE CANADIAN DAY-STAR.

“ I am the light of the world.”
“ Preach the Gospel to every creature.”—JESUS.

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BE HAPPY.

“ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and man, the Man Christ Jesus ; who gave himself a ransom for all to be testified in due time.”—1 *Tim.* ii. 4.

A ruin is always an affecting sight. Whether it be a wooden hut consumed and lying in ashes by the wayside, through fire from a heedless passer-by, or whether it be the mouldering piles of heap upon heap of beautiful fragments in some classic plain,—few can look upon a ruin unmoved. Contrasts always touch us ; and on beholding a ruin a contrast is started at once between its present condition and that in which the hand of its builder and maker left it. When imagination fills the now cold, damp, cheerless apartments with the ring of laughter from warm young hearts, and the glancing light of merry eyes, all for the moment is joy. The eye falls upon the sad reality, and as it falls the dimness of desolation is cast upon it from without, and the dimness of tears from within.

When I look upon my brother man under the influence of any of the lusts or passions through whose power Satan leads men captive to his will, I am looking upon one of the saddest ruins in the universe. There is a man rolling in the phrensy of drunkenness. Under the influence of the horrid drug which, by the name of joy, or companionship, or strength it may be, he has been tempted to