

to the extent of that change, and as to the nature of those circumstances to which I refer—I determined, when an opportunity should enable me, to visit these localities, and see really what the effect of God's Word—for it was nothing else—the effect of that Book which you distribute had been on the minds of thousands upon thousands of my Roman Catholic fellow-subjects. With this determination I visited the western parts of Ireland, where these great events are taking place; where whole sites of the country had come over out of the Church of Rome, and, through the medium of the Scriptures had been led to join the Protestant Church. I went, therefore, in the first instance, to the west of Galway; from thence I proceeded to visit the various Missionary Stations, some under the Irish Church Missionary Society, some under the Irish Society, some under the Coast Society, some under the Reformation Society, and some under the Presbyterian Church Society; but all of them working together for the same object; all of them imbued with the same harmony; and no kind of attempt to meddle one with the other, except to give each other all the assistance they can in the great work in which they are all engaged—There was a feeling, which I cannot attempt to describe, among the ministers and people whom I visited. I could not but say, after visiting several of the Roman Catholic Counties, that the half was not told me. I could not attempt to impress on the minds of those to whom I spoke on the subject of the important work that was going on; for having been so sceptical myself, I could not help thinking that those who had not seen it must be equally sceptical. But I implored them, when I spoke to them of what I saw and heard, that they would go for themselves, and see what was going on, and they would then be able to bear the testimony which I am enabled to bear before this vast assembly to-day. I need not tell you, for it has already been referred to, that the great enemy to the Bible is Rome. When I visited those parts of the country, I was met at every moment by the violent persecutions, that in some places existed, of those whose only crime was to read God's Holy Word, and which persecution was carried to such an extent, that even the public burning of that Word was displayed in open day, as a book which must bring misery and wretchedness upon those who read it. In the course of my visit to some of these

Schools, a friend who accompanied me took down, while we were examining the children, some of the questions which we put to them, and the answers they returned; and I refer to it to-day, in order to shew the meeting what the effect of the reading of God's word was, what wonderful wisdom it gave them, and how they were enabled to answer whatever might be said against the truth of the living God. . . . There is one very interesting circumstance in the whole of this great work that this blessed Word of God which you are distributing is effecting throughout Ireland—that nothing else will satisfy the people but that Word; that they ask not what man says, not what the Priest says, not what the Protestant Minister says, not what the Readers say, but, What does God say? And it certainly did afford me great delight and satisfaction, when attending the several Missionary fields of labour, the different Schools, and the various sources of instruction, to hear one great object set before the people by Ministers, by Readers, and by Schoolmasters, and that one great object was Christ, the Saviour of sinners.

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SHANGHAI AS A MISSIONARY STATION.

The Rev. J. K. Wight thus presents the growing importance of Shanghai as a missionary post. This city appears likely soon to become the New York of China:

The population of Shanghai, at the opening of the port, was not usually estimated at more than 200,000. Its chief importance consists in its position as a commercial city. In this respect it seems destined to become the chief city in the empire. The value of the exports has been constantly increasing, and in 1850 nearly equalled Canton, and will probably exceed it this. The value exported in British ships alone, last year, was over eight millions of dollars. It also holds an important position as the connecting point with the opposite coast of America. Formerly we looked westward to the home of civilization and Christianity.—Now, we look east, and our own native land appears within thirty day's sail.—Gladly do we welcome the approach, as we hope it will bring the truth to bear more brightly and powerfully on this benighted land.

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