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THE SPIRIT OF CHRIST.

A SERMON

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*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."* Luke iv : 18-19

*"Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ he is none of His."* Rom. vii : 9.

WHEREVER there is life we find activity of some kind. Life seeks to express itself in outward forms. In every man there is a spirit, a principle which colors his conduct and finds expression in the activities of his life. This is true of nations, societies and families as well as of individuals. Without a national spirit a nation is dead or dying. By observing the policy and pursuits of a nation we can to some degree determine what its spirit is. Some will say as they note the developments of the British nation that its spirit is a commercial one, others that it is a spirit of justice, a love of fair-play. Wherever a true Britain is found he represents the national spirit, he is enterprising and a lover of justice. Unless he possesses these qualities we say he is not a true Briton. If we go over to Germany we find another people with distinctive qualities. They are a speculative people, the great thinkers of the world, its philosophers, scientists and theologians. Go to what country we may it will be seen that each one has a principle of life peculiar to itself.