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A SERIES OF SERMONS

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No. 1.

Let us at this our first service take up the question "Ought we to send the Gospel to the Heathen." May the Holy spirit direct our hearts and minds into the truth as it is in Jesus! After having read that 2nd chapter of Romans, look at these texts:

Matt. xxviii., 19, "Go ye, therefore, and disciple all nations, baptizing them," &c.

Acts i., 8, "And ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

1 Thes. ii., 15-16, "And they please not God, and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles, that they might be saved, to fill up their sin alway."

From every consideration, biblical and otherwise, I believe we shall receive, on candid examination, but one answer, and that shall be "yea."

I. The heathen need the Gospel.

For (1) *It is a fact that any nation without the Gospel is very low morally.* We must go from the pure air into the defiled ere we can realize the blessing of the pure and the stench of the impure. Walking in the light ourselves in perfect security, we do not realize the hideousness, the errors of gross darkness. We are horrified to take up the morning newspaper and read the evil doings of the past night, and we say "keep it from the children." This is but the cloud passing over the sun's face for a moment—what must it be to live without the sun! Should we grope in the darkness of South Sea cannibalism, of Hindoo idolatry, with its 350,000,000 gods and its dying consolation—a desperate