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A GOOD SERMON.

BY REV. JOSEPH BARRETT.

It should be brief—of strength; it will sleep...

It should be warm—living and true; it should be...

It should be simple, practical, and clear; it should be...

It should be timely, just, and rational; wisely conceived...

It should possess a well-arranged plan; to state, to argue, to plead...

It should be mixed with many an earnest prayer; to reach the heart...

It should be closely, well applied, at last; to make the moral...

For the Journal of Commerce.

INFLENUE OF THE SCRIPTURES.

MARLBOROUGH HOTEL, BOSTON, NOV. 28.

While philanthropists in this country are making great efforts to Americanize and Christianize our emigrant population...

Dr. Cote is a native of the region, was formerly a Catholic priest, but is now connected with the Grand Ligne Mission among the Canadian French...

Another place a few miles distant, a Bible had been the means of producing a great change. Four brothers from that place having come to Hinsdale, Mass., to reside...

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In 1839, he said, by invitation, Madam Feller visited New York and made the benevolent community in that city acquainted with the condition and plans of the Grande Ligne Mission.

At the same time, a priest in Canada re-nouncing Romanism was provisionally directed to this mission, and through an infidel, was converted, and became tutor in the school for emigrants.

Under the auspices of the learned Scriptures, a larger number of Bibles had been distributed the

MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

The following are extracts from a Circular prepared at the Missionary Rooms of the Am. Board, under date of Dec. 1st, for use at the Monthly Concert on Monday evening.

MISSIONARY HOUSE, BOSTON, Dec. 1, 1848.

SANDWICH ISLANDS.—The General Letter of Sandwith Islands mission has been received.

The meetings of this mission, it will be remembered, are held only once in two years; and an agreement which shows the progress of the gospel in the Islands, during so long a period, is looked for with some degree of solicitude.

THE MISSIONARY SPIRIT IN OLDEN TIMES.

Although the organizations for missionary purposes are of comparatively recent origin, it is a mistake to suppose that the missionary spirit is a new feeling in the church.

"My soul is much more afflicted with the thoughts of the miserable world, and more drawn out in desire of their conversion than heretofore. I was wont to look little further than England in my prayers, as not considering the state of the rest of the world; only I prayed for the Jews, that was almost all. But now, as I better understand the case of the world and the method of the Lord's Prayer, so there is nothing that lies so heavy upon my heart as the thought of the miserable nations of the earth."

HOPE FOR IRELAND.

It is an interesting coincidence, that just as the Rev. Alexander King, the eloquent representative of the Congregational churches in Ireland, after pleading successfully the cause of Irish missions throughout the United States, was about to leave our shores...

The melancholy history of their decline, and bleed, almost said their epitaph, attests its power to deteriorate and to destroy. Protestantism, on the other hand, as all its history shows, is the friend and promoter of national prosperity.

There is, therefore, hope for Ireland. Protestantism is beginning to wake and to apply the true remedy to her physical, social, and moral evils.

The tenth annual meeting of this body was held in Leicester, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, the 17th, 18th and 19th of October. A preliminary devotional meeting was held on Monday evening, when an excellent address was delivered by Dr. Morrison.

POPULAR IMPROVEMENT.

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In this age, when education is so generally diffused, when the art of printing has brought the sources of information so near the lips of all who thirst for knowledge—in this age, when so many of the secrets of nature have been revealed, when the impalpable and all pervading electricity and the infinite elasticity of steam have been subjected to the purposes of the human intellect...

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