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Poetry.

BENEVOLENCE.

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friends.

A benevolent man was Absalom Bliss; At each and every tail of distress

He blazed right up like a rocket ; He felt for all beneath poverty's smart, Who were fated to bear life's roughest par He felt for them in his inmost heart, But never felt in his pocket.

He didn't know rightly what was meant For charity's donation; But he acted as if he thought railroad stocks And bonds, secure beneath earthly locks, Than heavenly speculation. ["rocks,"

Yet all said he was an excellent man ;

To the poor he'd preach-for the poor he'd To better them he was willing; But the oldest man who heard him pray And preach for the poor, in a pitiful way, Could hardly remember him rightly to say

Mr. Bliss had e'er given a shilling.

The Family.

THE INDIAN MOTHER

The following story is related by Cotton Mather in his history of New England.

Pammchanuit, an Indian of prime quality. on Matha's Vineyard, and his wife, having buried their first five children successively, every one of them within ten days of their birth, notwithstanding all their use of powaws and of medicines to preserve them,-they had a sixth child, (a son) born about the year 1633, which was a few years before the English first settled on that Vineyard. The mother was greatly perplexed with fear that she should lose this child, like the former; and utterly despairing of any help from such means as had been formerly tried with so little the Indians is quickly and within less than ten days,) with a sorrowful heart she took up her child, and went out into the field that she

The facts related in the foregoing narration THE BABY'S DEAD, -On last Monday we may lead to an enquiry how this heathen were riding a short distance from the city, woman could offer the prayer of faith to the when we met a little girl who appeared in great We copy the following from the Boston only living and true God of whom she had haste, and on our stopping, she came close up Post. "Absalom Bliss" is the type of quite never heard ?- Weare not disposed to limit to the carriage, subbing as if her little heart Sons of Temperance Offering a numerous class, and our readers will have the grace of God, or doubt his ability to re- was broken, while the tear-drops, were standno difficulty in recognizing similar features is veal himself in a miraculous manner to a pagan ing in her eyes she said, "The baby's dead !" the characteristics of their most intimate worshipper,-but we are more ready to believe We were an entire stranger to her, but she that this poor heathen had derived the little knew of but one baby, int the world, and knowledge she possessed of the Being to whom that baby, to whom she was no doubt tenderly she prayed, in some indirect way from those attached, was dead. These three short words matter-prepared expressly for this work by our most

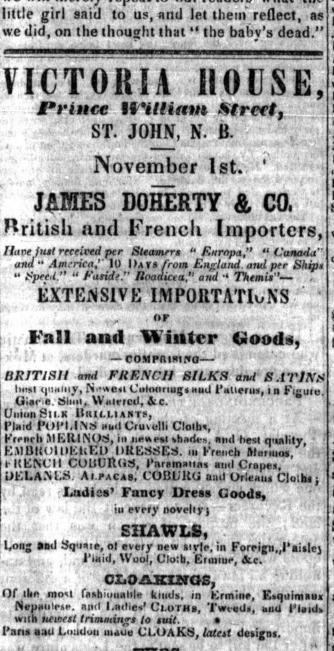
By the Bible's promised four hundred per some light on the surrounding nations, with (cent. whom at this time they held a friendly inter-

Were better, with pockets brim full of this as an instance in which a gracious and ment in favor of the condition of millions of British and French Importers [plan; the poor heathen who are living and dying without any knowledge of God or the way of salvation by Jesus Christ, who is the only 'name under heaven, given among men, whereby we must be saved."

"How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed ? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher ? and how shall they preach except they be sent ? Let us then send the gospel to the heathen that they may call upon the name of the Lord and be saved."

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God whom she had addressed for the life of ber child. She was confirmed in this, when the Gospel was not long after preached by Mr. Maybew to the Indians there; which gos-pel she readily, and cheerfully, and heartily Men I have seen Christians of different Men I have seen Christians of different Maximum contracts and formal settlements, I have thought of the deacon's fence. Maximum contracts and formal the best European Markets, will be found on inspection to comprise the largest, most varied, Cheapest and best stock fence. Maximum contracts and formal the best European Markets, will be found on inspection to comprise the largest, most varied, Cheapest and best stock fence. JAMES DOHERTY & CO.

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