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A Colonial & Missionary Church Map of the World. 1842

Stock#: 68765
Map Maker:

Date: 1842
Place: London
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 78 x 52 inches

Price: SOLD



Description:

A Previously Unknown Wall Map of The World

Remarkable large map of the World, printed for The Society for the Propagation of the Gospel, in London, July 1, 1842.

The map is noteworthy for its clean and uniformly minimalist approach to cartographic detail, allowing for a clean and uncluttered look at the mountains, rivers, cities, settlements and other primary information, and eschewing conjecture and speculation. The map includes an excellent treatment of the known lands in Antarctica

The present example seems to be a unique survival. We have been unable to locate any other record of a surviving example of the map. The map was likely intended as a companion an atlas published in the same year by the society and "drawn and engraved by J. Archer," entitled *A Church Atlas, containing maps of the Colonial dioceses with geographical and statistical tables*, with preface by Ernest Hawkins, the Society's secretary.

The map is color coded to show:

- English Possessions: Red
- Christian Countries: Blue
- Heathan Countries: Yellow
- Mahometan Countries: Green

At the top center, a table showing Colonial Bishoprics appears. At the bottom center is a table showing



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"Colonial and Foreign Dependencies of Great Britain," including population, square miles, date of acquisition and number of clergy. A smaller table to the left shows world statistics, including the populations of the world by religion:

- Christians - 260 Million
- Jews - 4 Million
- Mahometans - 96 Million
- Idolaters - 500 Million

Includes a colorful vignette showing the relative heights of the world's mountains and volcanos, with a key on either side identifying the mountains, with Western Hemisphere at the left and Eastern Hemisphere at the right. A second vignette, opposite left, shows the lengths of the world's longest rivers, with the Missouri/Mississippi River being the longest in the world.

Rarity

The map is extremely rare and quite possibly unrecorded. A very similar single sheet folio map appears to have been included in the *Church Atlas ...*, as illustrated here, which has a slightly different title ("and" instead of "&").

<https://nla.gov.au/nla.obj-232358368/view>

We note examples of the smaller map at the New York Public Library, National Library of Australia, National Library of New Zealand and British Library. We note an 1850 example of the smaller map at the Australian National Library and an undated example at the State Library of Queensland.

Detailed Condition:

Minor foxing and soiling. Mounted to later silk backing; light scattered staining, a few small marginal chips but no printed loss, possibly cleaned