

It is needless to say that the work of the first year was slow, and many of the members were oftentimes discouraged.

To review the work of twenty-five years of a Society such as ours, embracing as it does three branches, in the short time allotted to us, is no easy matter. Perhaps it might be well to consider it under three heads: What has been done; How it has been done; and By Whom it has been done.

The French work was carried on as far as possible as formerly. The services of Mr. Lockert were obtained for City Mission work. In April, 1883, Mr. Lockert, having been called to another sphere of labor, it was deemed advisable to secure in his place the services of an intelligent Bible woman, who might gain an entrance to closed doors by the services she could render. Madame Coté, a widow, and daughter of one of our respected French families, was selected for the position. Her knowledge of the Scriptures, and her ability to communicate them to others, were considered sufficient qualifications for this difficult work. In June, 1883, she was engaged at a salary of \$20 per month and is still with us. For twenty-four years she has pursued her daily task of visiting among the French poor of our City, Roman Catholic as well as Protestant, also among the poor of our French Protestant congregations, relieving the temporal needs of those in difficulty and distress, with clothing and food, and money to a limited extent, rendering assistance in the home or ministering to the sick, endeavoring to enlighten the ignorant, to guide and strengthen the weak by reading the Scriptures, and ever and anon repeating "the old, old story of Jesus and His Love." Sewing Classes, Helping Hand Circles, and Mothers' Meetings have been conducted by her, and much good accomplished. Madame Coté annually makes an average from 1,000 to 1,150 visits. Her work has proved to be a great help to the French pastors of the City, and thus it was that her assistance was thank-