# WESLEYAN MISSIONS.

#### EUROPE.

# The Waldenses of Picdmont .- Continued.

Sunday, 29th.-I spent a happy and, I trust, profitable day among our friends of the Val Luserne. At ten in the morning, I preached on Rom, x. 14-16, at the Odins, in a rustic apartment prepared by a friend for the purposes of worship. I afterwards administered the Lord's Supper to upwards of seventy professedly converted people. Several had come from a distance of twelve or fifteen miles; and great was our rejoicing together. There is something very striking in the situation of our place of worship at the Odins. It is built on the declivity of hill, quite in the midst of vineyards, and commands a prospect of unrivalled beauty. The foreground of the picture on the North, is the pleasant Valley of Luserne, studded with villages whose white cottages and pretty church steeples seem, as it were, embedded in verdure; on either hand rise towering one above the other the fertile Waldensian mountains, and in the distance the Alpine range, whose snow-white summits contrast strikingly with the luxuriant verdure beneath. On the South extend, far as the eye can reach, the plains of Piedmont, bounded by the Appennines and the meandering Po. There is something in this situation which preperes the mind for profitable worship, especially as you connect with it the historical scenes of times gone by; scenes of Christian heroism and and brutal persecution not surpassed in the history of the Christian church. As I stood ministering to this interesting people, I felt happy in-deed, and honoured as a Methodist Missionary. to be in any degree the instrument of replenishing the lamp which once shone so brightly in these valleys. We had afternoon and evening ser vices, very well attended. The latter was held

at La Tour.

Soth.—This evening several pious women met at my bost's, to work for the Missions. I was happy to have this opportunity of speaking to them of our own Missionary operations. They seemed interested in my statements, while I told them of our Shaws and their sable Africans, and of Hunt and his "poor Feejee." was past eleven before any one thought of reti-

october 2d.—Before preaching at Villard this evening, I visited, in company with a friend, a blind but pious old woman. Some particulars of this visit may tend to show what spirit these people are of. The habitation of this poor widow is situated nearly at the furthest extremity of the Val Luserue, in the midst of a beautiful grove of chestaut trees, forming one of the levelest apecimens of natural park scenery that one can well imagine. The house is itself a wretched-looking place. At the door set a little girl. sickly-looking, and seemingly half famished .-She was frightened at seeing us, and hid herself. We went in, and found the old woman in a dismal room, which had not a single pane of glass to the window, and lying on a bed of straw, evitioned who we were, a smile lie up her pale borned the leading memcountenance, and she exclaimed, "How kind summon of to appear before the Commandant, it is of you to come so far to see me!" I inqui-red whether she did not greatly suffer, especial-against the "Momiers," as they were called; and ly in her forkern condition. She replied, "Yes. I do suffer, and am very lonely. Sometimes I plaints had been lodged, so that they were pream tempted to repine; but then I lift up my pared for the worst. They laid the matter beheart above, and Jesus scens to appear. I sec. as it were. His wounded hands and feet, and I anxiety the result. On seeing Mr. Dane, the exclaim, 'He suffered this for thee:' then all my murmurings are bushed, and I feel happy and resigned. In order to try her, my friend remarked, "You can bless God for everything replied our friend, "that we have strictly conexcept for these afflictions?" "Ah! I understand you. I am, to be sure, but a poor weak more than nine per ons at a t . . . . Bet it creature; and I sometimes think that if I were goems that even that does not sailed your neighsurrounded by friends and the conveniences of life, then the loss of my sight and health would I am commanded to inform you, that His Majesbe comparatively trifling. But why should a sinner as I am marmur? I strive to be content if believe that it is in Ilis love that my Heavenly densian Christian. We knelt down and commended her to God's paternal care. We then proceeded to our place of meeting, which was crowded, notwithstanding the fatiguing labours of the vintage, which is now going on throughout the valley.

3d.—This day was spent, as usual, in pactoral visits, and in the evening in preaching. The meeting was held in the Val Angrogne, and in a part of the valley replete with scenes of historical interest. Close by, and immediately beneath the house in which we were assembled, i the church in which the first meeting took place between the ancient "Barbes" or Waldensian Pastors, and the delegates sent by the Reformthe boy, 'there is something more to do; von must now put in pill the author of this resealed hours stands in a cluster of trees, its white steeple just appearing above the green branches. Further on the right is the celebrated Pradel-tor, a singularly sequestered spot, which served as a place of the sunth of the youth, with greet stands in the celebrated Pradel-tor, a singularly sequestered spot, which served as a place of the sunth of the work? "Out of the neutring of the neutring more to do; von must how the stands more to do; von must how the sunth of the same purpose she visited with delicht, but would not hear the New Test the Cure of Ars in Bresse, who passes for a saint, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test than claimed. White propries the visited with delicht, but would not hear the New Test than claimed again, and with the conversion. For the same purpose she visited with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with one mirror of pilgrims. She was touched to the sight of this simple, modest, and quick at the sight of this simple, modest, and with things who then the prave the sight of this simple, modest, and the prave than the propries of the same purpose she visited to the with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delicht, but would not hear the New Test tament spoken of. The colorator called again, and with delic ers, to confer on their respective views of Chris-

tioners to prepare these "sons of the Prophets" the public criers announced,—not interdictions. Forthwith the younger applied herself to seek for their toilsome and perilous ministerial du-for their toilsome and perilous ministerial du-ties. This, preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assemblies! This was the her; she could not sleep, she was afraid, and ties. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. This preparation consisted chiefly, it is and protecting their assembles. reported, in learning by heart whole portions of more remarkable and providential, that it was church, and read them during the service. One the word of God, and in frequent preaching explace at a time when Jesuitical influence was church, and read them during the service. One the word of God, and in frequent preaching explained at a time when destinct innucled was cursions among the scattered flocks. O how triumphant throughout the Sardinian States day she read twice "The True Cross," without cursions among the scattered flocks. O how triumpnant inroughout the Sairtinian States and understanding it. Ashamed of her weak in the Odins have understanding it. Ashamed of her weak in the odins have these retired spots been sanctified by the prayers, tears, and blood of God's dear peo-With these recollections in my mind, I could not refrain from weeping, as I approached our place of meeting, and the words of the hymn which was then being sung struck my ear. Our friends were asking of God to kindle in them the spirit which breathed in their martyred ancestors :-

Fair reluire en ces bemuz jours Parmi nous l'aident amou Qui brulait dans les martyrs: Enflamme ainsi nos destrs !"

May their prayers be answered! We had large attendance, and a blessed time, while xpounded Psalm xxiii.

5th.—I visited this morning a dving soldier of Charles Albert's army, which was defeated at Novara. The visits of our friends have been made a blessing to his soul. I found him in a happy frame of mind. "I am in the arms of Evangelical Church of Lyons—Its Recent Opera-Jesus," he said, "I do not fear death." some conversation about Italian affairs with some of the professors of the Vaudois College of La Tour, who have lately passed some time at Florence. They confirmed the facts generally known; namely, the great demand which exist-ed for Bibles. They were sold in many other shops besides the booksellers'; it being no very uncommon thing to see a copy of the neat giltedged Bible and of the New Testament, side by side, in shop-windows, or at stalls in the street. Even the Jews themselves took to Bible-selling as a good speculation, and actually sold many hundred copies. A gentleman just returned from Florence and Rome says that the demand for copies of the word of life is still great, notwithstanding the change of times. Surely "the bread" thus "cast upon the waters" will be found after many days. I preached this evening at La Tour, on Moses's choice, in a crowded room. Several Schoolmasters from the different valleys, who are taking Italian lessons here, were present, and seemed deeply interested.

Sunday 7th.-The two last days have been spent in the Val Pérouse, where a good work is begun among the people. This morning we had, for the first time in this valley, a meeting for the celebration of the Lord's Supper. Many from Val Luserne were present, having performed, during the day, a journey of near thirty miles to enjoy the service, and to testify their brotherly feeling towards the friends of Perouse. Three meetings were held during the day, when I found much liberty in addressing the people. There is a spirit of union, of brotherly sympathy, and of devetedness to the cause of God, about his people, which it is editying to witness.

11th.-I returned from Val Perouse, and reached at the Odins, on the "lively hope." I ave already described this sweet spot; but here is connected with it another circumstance, which must be mentioned. Some years back, at as they have never seen. a time when the religious revival met with much to more than forty families, has been stopped our friends were apprehensive that fresh comfore the Lord in prayer, and waited with some Commandant appeared excited, and said, in an angry tone, "Well, 'tis useless, it appears, to forbid your meetings."-f I assure you. Sir. formed to your injunctions, in never meeting this skill and knotness have obtained and the lang conversation, the nun asked permitted to your injunctions, in never meeting confidence of the inhabitants, and he takes add to pray, and recited a litany to the Virgin bours; for the v complain. But he is me. \* \* \* \* ty (Charles Albert will hear no more of tiese complaints, and therefore AUTHORIZES YOUR spent his leisure hours in preparing a chart of stammerer. She prayed a long time with great MRLTINGS! Here is the royal letter to that effect." "Moreover," continued the functionary, if any one disturbs your meetings, they will be severely dealt with; orders will be sent to that And so they were: our friends could hardly believe it, when, a few days afterwards,

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become endeared to the people!

table; and in the evening I gave my parting time; her eyes were opened, and, under the address. After service the parting hymn was sung with much feeling. I was earnestly requested to remember the religious wants of the Valleys: I promised I would. Surely a sin would lie at our door, as a Society, if we neglected this call, especially in these eventful times, and under present favourable circum-

#### TO BE CONTINUED.

### RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

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The work at Villefranche encourages us though its progress is slow. Our evangelist has had the opportunity of proclaiming the good news to fresh populations. In a village, two leagues from Villefranche, an aged Protestant, dying, signified to his children his desire to be buraccording to his own worship. They requested the cure to manage the interment, after the manner of the Protestants, and on his refusal they sent for our evangelist. The latter, knowing that the priest could excite an emeute, sent for the mayor who put himself at the head of the cortege. The whole commune repaired to the cemetery. Our brother, seeing such a magnificent audience, felt constrained to declare all the counsel of God; and did so for an hour and a half. The multitude heard to the end, with deep attention. He then largely distributed tracts, beginning with the mayor, who earnestly requested him to visit him.

In another commune, a man, on his death-bed declared himself a Christian according to the Gospel, and would not confess. His family requested our evangelist to bury him. The Cure. in order to prevent this, had the bier placed a the top of the clock, and the steps of the tower cut away. The indignant inhabitants put the coffin on their shoulders, and carried it to the cemetery. After the service, these peasants cried out with delight, "We have heard the Gospel for the first time." An old man, affected by the liscourse came and asked our brother to instruct him. His wife an old woman, ared eighty-three requested a Bible in large print, which she read or rather devoured, with an avidity hardly to be expected at her age. Her husband, who cannot read, sits at her side, and makes her relate what she reads. " He goes about the town, stating that he has at home an extraordinary book, such

The work at Arbresle, where we had access for want of labourers. Tarare has no longer nant crowd persuaded her to claim damages. an evangelist, but God is not there left without an evangelist, but God is not there left without "Have you ever seen," she replied, "that Jesus a witness. Lately, the interment of an infant Christ demanded damages?" The elergy, furnished an occasion for preaching the Gospel to more than 500 persons, and among them most to reclaim her, because they said, " This weof the merchants of the town.

very active fellow-labourer. He is an engineer, sien. They commenced by reminding her of employed on the railroad—a nephew of one of her privations, and offered her a pretty lodgthe most distinguished bishops of France. He declared his convictions to his uncle, thus des does not your spiritual father take better care stroying all his earthly hopes; preferring "the reproach of Christ to the treasures of Egypt." leaves me; on Him I rely for all things." After His skill and kindness have obtained him the a long conversation, the nun asked permission vantage of this to spread the sacred Scriptures. When she had finished, the blind weman re-He gathers the people together, and explains to plied, "Let me pray for you in my turn." She them the word of God with wisdom, tact, and re- tell on her knees. The two ladies regarded her markable simplicity. During a whole year, he with astonishment, knowing she was a great the Holy Land, which he has visited, which he carnestness, shedding many tears, and without presented to our church. It was, by an acci- once stampering. When she rose, the nunsaid dent, lost on its way to England. He is now to her, "You have great faith, you will never preparing for as a Geographical Dictionary of be lost." the Bible.

vast faubourg of 50,000 souls, gives us much en- still been a blessing to many souls, and we concouragement. We select one from many interesting facts.

ther, and two daughters, who had heard their many for men also, but are prevented by the uncle cautioned not to read the New Testa- expense. wet paper which was ready for use, a printer's ment, for fear of heresy. They clackened in the faubourgs, as well as in the was employed by the police to convey this devotion, but the conscience of the elder smore the faubourgs, the arm of the Lord is not shortpor capture (quella perera roba) to the vill - her. She resolved to devete herself afresh to ened. The last load having be r conveyed, one of the off. Jesus Christ and the Virgin Mary, and no more A respectable lady suffered much from the gularly sequestered spot, which served as a place is the author of the work. Out of the months when sauthor of the months when sauthor of the months when sauthor of the poor persecuted. Waldenses in of babes and sucklings his thou medaine is strongth, cellent thing; why, then, do not Cures never tell. days of trouble, and where, also, in more peacebecause of thine enclares, that thou makes said
sable times, the Pastors retired with their probathe enemy and the averger." d'salm v.n. v.)

God gives His Spirit without measure to the church.

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derstanding, she remembered the advice of the become endeared to the people!

14th.—A good day, and fully employed. In the morning we met again around the Lord's her by Itis Spirit. She read the tract a third the morning we met again around the Lord's her aver were orward. officiating, the comprehended the doctrines grace. At length she resolved to come and hear us; but, as she had carried our tracts to the church, she brought her mass-book to the chapel, to efface any dangerous impression: the preacher so transported her that she fugget her prayer-book, and from that moment her prayer-book, and from that moment gained to the Gospel. She still refused to reit the New Testament: however, the same made book opened her eyes. She discovered that the extracts from the Gospel which is the extracts from the Gospel, which it coats ed. agreed with the sacred volume, she say and believed, and the scales fell from her eyes. He sister, mother, and father were converted, after the other; a third sister, married, died a our Infirmary, after having found peace. The cried out, repeating these words, "The Law has done great things for us."

At Croix-Rousse, the principal scene of the late insurrection, our friends have passed through great dangers, but the weakest have received much strength from God, and some have been reserved in an extraordinary manner. Free this time the work of evangelisation has much prospered.

Our colporteur gave some small tracts to be old man, who is a dealer in iron and copper ware. In order to see him, he went to his shop to buy some little article. He found the old man bending over his tracts, and so absorbed in his reading, that he did not notice that any one had entered. . The colporteur asked him when he was reading. The old man, not remembering him, said—" These are some excellent trace given me by the evangelist." (His daughter, ashamed of his confession, said, "Do not magine my father wishes to change his religion."
"My daughter," said the old man, seriously, "it s not changing my religion, it is following the religion of Christ." Then, turning to the colporteur, he persuaded him to attend our chapel. Our brother said to him, "Thank God, I know also these good books; I gave them to you." One cannot conceive the joy of the old man.

One of the instruments most blossed in spread

ng the Gospel at Croix-Rousse is a widow, who or the sake of the truth, has relinquished considerable property, and, though blind, enderyours to maintain herself without making known er privations. Her integrity and matured udgment give her great influence, which she unpleys in the cause of God. Every week she rains access to a fresh family, which she supplies with the Bible. She even gets the Scriptures into the convents. During the insurrection, she fled to a neighbouring town; a window-shutter falling unset her, bathed in her blood. The people of the house, as all her compensation. gave her twelve sous and an orange: the indig treubled by her proselytism, determined to seek of the merchants of the town.

In another part, the Lord has raised us up a benevolent lady and a nun undertook this mising, with a garden; then they added, "Why of you?" "Ah! my spiritual Father never

In the town, thanks be to God, we do not The work at Brotleaux and Guillotiere, a lack cause for satisfaction. Our Infirmary has ment, as a necessary part of our means of evan-The family B consisted of a father and mo- gelisation. We would wish to open an Infir-

We have proofs that at Luons, as well as in

cers remarked. Well, that's sometime of the one; I suppose there's nothing remaining? 'Yes,' replied after, our colporteur called market he hease, and with all her power neuroines, to obtain his the boy, there is concerning more to do; you must left some tracis. The young person read them conversion. For the same purpose she visited

APRIL G devoted priest, his self-denial and p returned under good impressions of communing with God face to face who appeared to her to pray with vour. The following Lunday she mass of the cathedral, the archbist ed with gold. She remembered cassock, the dry bread, and the st the Cure of Ars, and conceived at deep disgust for the Roman worsh thirsted for something better, and slow in revealing it to her. H law, who was one of our candi Lord's Supper, died suddenly. bis funeral at our chapel, at Croi ber husband, and a niece whom sh up. All three were touched to the have asked for communion. A respectable workman in

brought up in a village by his though still attached to the mass, which he was permitted to read, He came to Lyons for his appre found at his master's house this which he remembered with so He discovered a second copy at one of his friends, and bought pleasure was to read it every even be found any obscure passages he planation of them from the Cure not relishing such visits, told him rant man ought not to meddle The young man then ceased church. He became acquainted of Gabriel Galland, the prophet of recollections, socialist notions, popery, have been widely cir rity. He has constructed a hut mountain, about six leagues from He lives there with his Bible, w day and night, and which alone opinion, true knowledge. Our lighted with his works, visits pass twenty-three successive hor tion on the Bible. Galland says can only be saved by this book; buy them by dozens and circula the doctrine of the evangelists, in a few years will be they uni On his return to Lyons, he rerary, and bought twelve New of our deacons meeting him the "You know, then, the value "Yes," replied he. "by the "To what church do you belo Roman Catholic by birth, but other religion than my Bible church than my family. Our permission to a company him proaches more and more near proposes to seek communion w tears of joy on learning that he brothers, as he had thought him at Lyons who knew the value will introduce us to Galland, w ing to see him at the end of th We might give many like in

only add one more. A wone or read, attended our chapel. He every means to prevent it. at length brutaily put her out of anything save the clothes she quaintance gave her shelter in trials were not over. Her her ened, if she would not renoun take another wife. She replie for all the world, abandon he took home a woman of bad char dau ther encouraged him. woman, with to rents of tears to God, and God had pity of she heard a knock at the door washer daughter, who, takes and turned out of doors in her came, like the producat child, don her, and receive her to be her in her arms, and said to long time since I forgave vo for your sine, look to Jesus upon the cross." Some tit young girl expired; but in p This is not all This excellent her bushand was dving at the he asked for her She ran mercies of the Lord -and s lieve that he received them

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sketch of the Life & Labours

Read at the close of the Funer on the evening fithe 17th leyen Chanca Mantreal, by The Rev. Mat & w Long w March, 17 S. At the one of were someone, in Irecard, are of the terre was Prest ita: in with them has e dath parents were pains out A the Wester in Methodist C