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REV. MR. McALL'S WORK IN PARIS

The following most interesting account of the work which is being done by the Rev. Mr. McAll, in Paris (France), is taken from the *English Independent*. Mr. McAll was pastor of one of the Congregational churches in Leicester; but visiting Paris, he was deeply moved at the spiritual destitution of that great city, and is now devoting his life to its evangelization, with marvellous success.

—[ED. C. I].

SIR,—Having had the pleasure of attending nearly twenty of the meetings for the working men of Paris in connection with the mission of our friend and brother, the Rev. R. W. McAll, I desire to crave permission, through the columns of your excellent journal, to bear my testimony to the wonderful character of this work. It is little more than five years since with a trembling hand Mr. McAll and his devoted wife opened the doors of the little shop in Belleville which they had prepared, and to which they invited the working men of the neighbourhood to come and hear them and others speak about Jesus Christ; and now there are twenty places of meeting, and some of them furnished with 300 or 400 chairs. The little shop at Belleville has been exchanged for a *Brasserie*, or beer-drinking saloon, where of a Sunday evening a compact congregation of 300 people, many of them men, listen with great attention to the addresses and the reading of Scripture, and join in the singing of the hymns. At the Faubourg St. Antoine the congregation numbers at least 500.

Last Monday evening a most interesting meeting took place at the Boulevard Ornano, on the occasion of the reopening of the *salle* (hall) after considerable en-

largement. At half-past seven, or a little later, every chair was occupied, and after cups had been handed round, coffee and milk and buns were served by young ladies and young men, Mr. McAll's devoted helpers. This part of the business over, the more serious proceedings began. Mr. McAll presided, and spoke a few words of hearty welcome. He was followed by pastors of the Reformed, Lutheran, and Free Churches, all of whom expressed their delight in the work, and their readiness to co-operate with Mr. McAll. It was a truly wonderful sight to look upon the mass of upturned faces—at least 500 in number—and to listen to the hearty way in which the hymns were sung. The success of this particular station is the more surprising, as at the outset it was fiercely opposed by the atheists of the neighbourhood, assisted by several of the newspapers. Every evening this week M. Théodore Monod was to hold meetings in this *salle* for the special benefit of those who for the last three or four years have been regular attendants at the meetings, and in the hope that many of them may be brought to decide for Christ. I ought, perhaps, to say that the funds requisite for the enlargement of this *salle* were provided by General Knox, in memory of his late wife, who was the means of opening a station at the *Gare d'Iry*, and whose intention it was, had her life been spared, to do much more for this mission. I must not trespass further on your space, but must conclude by most heartily recommending this *Œuvre McAll*, as the French people call it, to the hearty sympathy, the earnest prayers, and the sustained and increased liberality (*the funds are very low, and the time for paying the quarterly rents of the twenty stations is at hand*) of all our Congregational churches. Mr. McAll has neither the time nor the strength to come over and plead his own cause, as so many Continental workers are doing. He leaves