

channels of distribution, illustrates the widespread character of the influence exercised by the Society abroad. Its issues have exceeded those of last year by 7,500,090, a fact which testifies to its increasing influence at home.

"The facts contained in the report illustrate the way in which Christian tracts and books open up new ground, arrest attention, aid in collecting hearers, in bringing in inquirers, in deepening impressions, in building up converts. More than this, they show how at times the effect of the particular tract and book can be distinctly traced; how at times we are permitted to know the very way in which the word of truth contained in them was the seed falling into prepared ground, taking root, and springing up under the influence of the spirit of God—the germ of the new life of faith and holiness."

Reference is made to the exceedingly encouraging work begun in Paris a few years ago, and now extending into many parts of France. The origin of this great work was a tract given to a laboring man in Paris by Rev. Mr. McAll, and it is greatly extended and promoted by the use of tracts. The Committee say:

"Alike from Paris and from the provinces the tidings of a great religious movement reach us. The work commenced in the capital with such signal success a few years ago by Mr. McAll and others is now being extended to many provincial towns, and everywhere the blessing of God rests upon the labors of His servants. So remarkable has been this movement that it has attracted the attention of our secular press, and from time to time references have been made to it in the letters of correspondents and in the leading articles of our newspapers. Within the last few days a report has been received from one of the secretaries of the Society specially delegated to investigate the accuracy of these statements, and to collect information for the guidance of the Committee as to their future action. His report shows that the extent and importance of the movement have been in no degree exaggerated, and he advises that a large additional expenditure is needed to meet the claims of that deeply interesting country, which, after nearly a century of revolutions, now appears to be seeking the rest and peace which can only be found in true faith."

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