

there is a portion of the old Protestant Church of France as warmly opposed as ever the Archbishop of Paris himself to the Evangelical or Methodist Protestants—I protest against the assumption of the "Presse," that this faction or fraction constitutes the real Protestant Church of France. No! the Protestant Church of France is once more becoming spiritual—once more becoming simple and Biblical—and once more becoming worthy of the great and honoured founders of the reformed religion in this country.

And I have referred to this subject, because it is right that it should be known in England, and from the pen of a Protestant layman, that your missionaries in France have not laboured in vain, and that though they sow very often in tears, yet that there is every reason for hoping that they will reap in joy. Their voice has been heard. Their labours have been successful—it is now no problem—and let me add, that the cries and complaints—the apprehensions, and the anger of the Romish priesthood prove, that Methodism is suited to France—and that the Romanists will listen to it, if it be faithfully preached—and if the Bible without note or comment be industriously circulated.

Never did the cause among the French at Calais look so prosperous as whilst the Rev. Mr. Lucas lately preached there. At Caen, the movement has been of a very extraordinary nature—and the authorities of that place, though excited by certain Catholic Journals at Paris to different conduct, have acted with wisdom and kindness.

After all, however, Paris must be the centre of action—and the English cause must be the centre of that centre. It was therefore that I hailed with much delight, the ministrations of the Rev. Robert Newstead in this city, who has laid the foundation of an English cause, now placed under the wise and prudent direction of the Rev. William Toase. The removal of the Rev. Mr. Lucas from Calais, has been a great loss to the French cause in that place—but a great gain to Paris—and as Paris is the central point, I rejoice at all increase of strength brought to this capital. The visit of the Rev. Mr. Beecham, one of the Secretaries of the Missionary Society, cannot also fail of doing good, and I feel no doubt that he will return from his Continental tour to England, additionally convinced of this fact, that in Paris we must have a good English Chapel—a good French chapel—a French Wesleyan Methodist Magazine—and ultimately a French Wesleyan Missionary College, in which young Frenchmen and young Swiss and Germans shall be brought up in the doctrines and discipline of John Wesley—and from which college they shall proceed to preach to European nations a spiritual and biblical Protestantism. The first object, however, is now, as it has been for two years past, an English Chapel at Paris!

And now let me turn the attention of your readers to the Anniversary Meeting which has just been held of the Paris Branch Wesleyan Missionary Society. It was a wise and kind measure on the part of the London Committee to send one of their Secretaries, the Rev. Mr. Beecham, to France, for the purpose of visiting the churches, exciting their zeal, supplying them with facts, and urging them onward in the career of Christian usefulness and Missionary labour. Of his visits to Calais and Boulogne, I can only speak by report—but that report is indeed most favourable. His stay at Paris for a few days has been productive of good to all—and I will hope that the impressions he has received as to the French work will be communicated to the whole body of Wesleyan Methodists at home. A delightful spirit of love, brotherly kindness, true charity, and Christian feeling has presided over the anniversary—and I was certainly never present, either in England or elsewhere, at a more delightful and refreshing meeting than that held last Monday evening in our Chapel, Rue d'Anjou. Mr. Beecham preached on, Sunday two impressive ser-

mons to good congregations, and the collections fully replied to his wishes and hopes. Those sermons were on great and broad gospel truths, which appealed to the conscience and the heart; and the preacher left them to feel the way to the pockets of his hearers. These are the sort of Missionary sermons which ought to be now preached, to Christian congregations.

The meeting on Monday was well attended, but it would have been still more so, had it been held either earlier or later in the year. A large portion of the English who reside during the greater portion of the year at Paris, migrate to Switzerland, the Rhine, or to the French provinces, during the months of July, August, September, and October, and only return to the capital with the falling leaf and frosty morning. I mention this fact because, it is well that all parties should know that from January to June are the best possible months for holding anniversary meetings in Paris.

The Rev. William Toase, whose name has been so long identified with the cause of French Missions, and whose labours in the French prison ships during the war were blessed to so many individuals of that nation, began the service by singing and prayer, and the Rev. Mr. Beecham was then invited to preside. He commenced the business of the meeting by a short statement as to the general character and results of Missionary labours, and presented a recapitulation of the exertions and success of all Missionary Societies, both in England, America, and on the continent of Europe. He then called on the Rev. Mr. Toase to read the report of the French Branch Society, which consisted of a pecuniary statement of the contributions received from the various stations of the Society in every part of France.

The Rev. Mr. Beecham, as one of the Secretaries of the Parent Society, then delivered an extempore address, which lasted nearly an hour, on the varied objects and efforts of the Wesleyan Missionary Society. He passed in review all the stations occupied by the Wesleyan Missionaries, and dwelt for a long time on the signal and indeed miraculous success which has attended the preaching of the gospel in the South Seas. As the meeting was composed of members of the Church of England, as well as of other religious denominations, besides Wesleyan Methodists, I greatly rejoiced that this luminous statement was made, since it ought not to be assumed that in meetings of this mixed character all parties are informed as to the facts of Missionary enterprise. The statement of Mr. Beecham was listened to with profound attention, and formed the basis of the evening's discussion. Every one was evidently impressed by the fact that so much was doing by our society; and if I am not much mistaken, many a Missionary box will be placed in the drawing-rooms of Paris, where articles of such a character have seldom before been exhibited.

The Rev. Mr. Baird, the enlightened, kind-hearted and delightful missionary of the American Presbyterians in Paris, moved the first resolution, which was one of approbation of missionary labour, and missionary principles. His speech was all benignity and love. He referred especially to the moral, as well as religious—and to the scientific and civilising effects of Christian missions in the world—and supplied a most interesting account of the progress of the great work undertaken by the Presbyterian Missionary Society in America, of actually founding in Paris all the signs and characters of the Chinese language, reducing them to regular letter-press, so that when completed, books will be able to be printed in that language.

The Rev. Mr. Trail, from Scotland, made an impressive speech on the advantages resulting from Missionary effort to the Christian Church at home;—how prejudices were removed, Christian brotherhood promoted, and the harmony of the churches extended and

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