

interested in the Gospel, they ascribe it to a Bible or a Testament which some colporteur had sold them, and then I understood how important our work is for the welfare of France.' This is especially true of the southern districts of France, from which it is impossible to pass without remarking the repeated testimony of the colporteurs to an awakening desire for the Gospel. It is not once or twice, it is not only here and there; but it is repeated, and it is widespread. Nor is it surprising, for these regions saw the earliest rays of the Sun of Righteousness that ever brightened France, these regions saw also some of her fiercest persecutions; and many a soul crying from under the altar, 'How long O Lord God, holy and true, dost Thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth,' left its mangled body behind it upon the soil trodden by these southern colporteurs.

M. Monod's report affords pleasing glimpses of active Christian effort in Paris and out of Paris; in the centre, and at the circumference; no longer carried on in a corner, but permitted without let or hindrance in places as conspicuous as the Boulevards, and near edifices as commanding as the Madeleine.

M. Monod thus describes these evangelistic efforts, and thus connects them with the work of your Society:—The great work of popular evangelization by meetings, conferences, &c., mentioned in my last report, has made this year an extraordinary development. In our large cities regular conferences are held several times in the week, and are everywhere attended by crowds of people; in a great number of smaller towns conferences have been occasionally held, frequently in theatres that are always quite full.

In Paris it is no more only in the suburbs that popular meetings are held, but the 'Salle des Conférences' of the Boulevard des Capucines, close to the Madeleine, is opened every Sunday evening for conferences by evangelical pastors. What progress, if we only look a few years back!

Now, it is well worthy of observation that all this work does not open the way to the Bible Society's work, but is a consequence and a fruit of our work. It is well understood by all the members of the Committee of Evangelization of France that they only send evangelists and pastors where these are asked for, and where there is some probability of