

VICE-CHANCELLOR BLAKE makes the following reference to "the white fields of France" in his excellent monthly magazine, the CHRISTIAN REPORTER:—The reason that Robt. Raikes should be brought so prominently before us is to show what a man of moderate ability can do when his mind is possessed of these two little words "trust" and "try." McAll's work was pre-eminently a work of "trust" and "try." He could not speak a word of the French language, but as he and his wife, a few years after the Communistic troubles in France, were walking through Paris he was accosted by one of the working-men who was passing-by, and who addressed him as an Evangelist. Pointing with his finger to the worst locality in the whole of Paris, the Belleville Quarter, he said: "You think that this neighbourhood is peopled by nothing but Atheists. That is false, sir; there are multitudes in this street who sigh after a religion of truth and love, and who desire to listen to those who will come and teach them." McAll left Paris, but there rang through his ears—just as there did through the ears of Robert Raikes—these words: "Come and teach us a religion of truth and of love;" and so he set to work, and by January, 1872, was there to teach them this religion. At the first meeting he had present 43. Now he has twenty-three of these meetings in Paris alone, and eleven of them outside of Paris, and the report tells us that in the year 1879, they had held 2,686 meetings, and that there were present 328,000 people. The instruction given to each Evangelist as he went on his work was this: "Don't attack any person but Satan, and don't exalt any person but Christ."

The queen of Madagascar does not tolerate slavery in any portion of her dominion. "By the enlightened policy of that Christian queen, and of her prime minister," says a contemporary, "the bonds of at least fifty thousand enslaved Africans were broken at a stroke. These once oppressed children of the dark continent were not only set at liberty and allowed to hold land, and enjoy the privileges of freedom, but one of their number has just been elevated to the dignity of a crown officer. This is one of the grand results of Christian missions in Madagascar."

Lieut. Schwatka relates that in the whole course of his long and arduous sledge journey of three thousand miles in the heart of the Arctic wilds, with the thermometer sometimes sixty degrees below zero, not a single drop of spirituous liquor was used. The men, however, were warmly clad, and supplied with abundance of nutritious food, expressly selected for its heat producing qualities.

A contemporary says that a Roman Catholic bishop of New York "is reported to have made the startling statement that the work of the confessional revealed the fact that *nineteen* out of every twenty women who fall and are lost can trace the beginning of their sad state *to the modern dance.*"

The Mormons in Utah are engaged in the erection of a magnificent temple. Up to the present time it has cost fourteen million dollars. It is said that when completed, it will have cost twice that amount, and will be the grandest building in America.