

gether as to the best methods of carrying on the work. New openings for the work have been made at Aurillac and Besançon, and a second hall opened at Poitiers. A mission church has been built on the site of a hall at Bercy, where for sixteen years the mission has been endeavouring to spread the light. The building has been erected through the generosity of two ladies. Mr. Greig, the esteemed superintendent of the children's work, and who for ten years has been laboring among the people, is the pastor. The finances have not admitted of any other new work, though the French brethren, who are ready freely to do all the work, and who ask only for halls, are constantly pressing forward and are sorrowfully refused. Unforeseen expense has been incurred by the Paris Committee, chiefly in making repairs and alterations in some of the central mission halls, which were absolutely necessary for safety and comfort; also the mission has suffered in the loss by death of two or three of its largest contributors. The soldiers' reading rooms, established by this mission, is a work of much promise. They are at Nice, Marseilles, Montpellier. This year one has been opened in Avignon, and one in Paris. These are supplied with books, periodicals, writing materials, and the Bible holds a prominent place on the tables; lectures on social economy are given, and addresses by the pastors of the city from time to time. Dr. McAll has often said, "The best way to evangelize the young men of France is to seek them in the barracks, where each French citizen must pass three of the best years of his life." The work of the mission boat has again rejoiced the hearts of the directors. This boat, the "Herald of Mercy," owned by Mr. Cook, of Gosport, has been several times loaned to Dr. McAll, and this year was moored in the Seine, at Paris, at the Pont de la Concorde. The novelty of this floating church would no doubt attract, but the recorded incidents indicate that the Word has found a place in many hearts. The mission hopes soon