

and 12 Reformed chaplains in the army. The Lutheran clergy number only 90, the Free Evangelical Church has 47, and the other Protestant denominations have 72. There are also 5 Bible societies, 19 Protestant societies for home missions, 6 for foreign missions, 44 orphans' homes, 47 refugee houses, 60 hospitals, and 118 Protestant periodicals.

The McAll Mission continues to do a noble work in its 129 halls in 73 cities and townships. The work takes the form of evangelistic meetings in missions rooms, on the street and public and private houses, from road wagons, and on the Mission Boat; singing and stereopticon lectures are useful auxiliaries, and dispensaries and industrial schools do an important work; special meetings for the blind, the chimney sweepers, the cabmen, soldiers and fishermen, for mothers, children, young men and young women, also form branches of the work, and the training classes for converts are no less important and interesting.

For three years a quiet Christian work has been going on among the 15,000 students of Paris. A society of about 200 has been formed for Protestant students, which Pastor Monnier superintends and conducts. Not a few of the men have been quickened. The Volunteer Movement in Britain and America has been brought to their attention, and at the first meeting at which the "declaration card" was used, nine men put down their names. Most of these had been preparing for the foreign field, but the nucleus has been formed; the volunteers have begun to work, and there are strong hopes that there will be some considerable increase in Paris, and an extension into other colleges in France and Switzerland.

An interesting work among the 50,000 French priests has been going on under Professor Bertrand, of Paris. Many priests are ignorant and many have lost confidence in the ceremonies which they mechanically perform. Numbers of these have become Protestants and workers among their brethren. Their training unfits them for other life, and their prejudices are hard for them to overcome. One ex-priest is now supporting himself as a day laborer until he can secure better employment.

Since its establishment the Bible Society has circulated over 12,000,000 of French Scriptures in whole or part, and there are constantly accumulating evidences that the liberal sowing of the good seed has been by no means in vain.

The minds of the common people of France are open to the Gospel in a wonderful way. They will listen to any presentation of it, no matter how unusual; in fact, every form of presentation of the Gospel is unusual to nineteen-twentieths of these people. The opportunity for evangelistic work