

but as meetings will be held on the 1st Monday of every month, when the sum is larger it will be forwarded to Paris.

"I mentioned the next day to one of our pastors the delightful service which I had attended the night before, and he assured me that if they had received the official circular from Paris, a public prayer meeting would have been held in the Temple."

*Extract of the Speech of one of the Pastors of Besancon, at the formation of a Missionary Association.*

February, 1823.

"After having proved that it is the duty of every Christian to exert himself to propagate the gospel, and that the disciples of Jesus are especially guilty if they refuse to make sacrifices for the cause of Him who has done so much for them; M. Sandoz described the dreadful state of the unhappy people who are the objects of Missionary solicitude, and thus continued: "Well, such were our ancestors before the sun of Righteousness rose upon our country, with healing beneath his beams. If we enjoy the comforts of civilization—if schools are opened for our children—if public benevolence relieves the wants of indigence, it is to the gospel we owe these blessings—if slavery has fled with barbarism, and all the abominable cohorts of superstitious and murderous practices—if the feeblest half of the human race has entered into all its rights, it is to the gospel that we owe all. Yes, Christian women, think of the immense tracts of country where females like yourselves curse, perhaps, the day that they were born of a sex doomed to be the exclusive property and too often the victim of the other. You especially ought to take

the most lively interest in the conversion of the heathen, were it merely for the sake of the advantages which they cannot fail to enjoy in the present life."

*Extract of a letter from Amiene near Bourges, January 12, 1823.*

"I have read with the deepest interest the Address of the Missionary Society of Paris, and bless God who has put it into your hearts to form an institution so sacred, so noble and so useful. I assembled my parishioners in the temple on Monday evening at seven o'clock: the church was nearly full; love to God, zeal for his cause, and the novelty of the subject that occupied us, brought together nearly all my flock. After praying and singing suitable to the occasion, I addressed the assembly from Matt. ix. 35, &c."

Calvin completed his preparatory studies at Bourges, and preached the gospel there at the commencement of the Reformation.

*Extract of a letter from the foot of the Pyrennees, January 10, 1823.*

"Our first business on the receipt of the address of the committee of Paris, was to assemble on the first Monday of the month, to recommend your Society to the blessing of the Lord; and I hope that every Christian of our flock will also pray in his closet, and in his family, that you may be blessed with wisdom from on high. Yes, may the Lord shed on you the same blessings which have so visibly accompanied the labors of those societies which are your elder sisters, and may thousands of souls be turned from darkness to light. I send you 60 francs collected at our first meeting, and to which some Catholics contributed."

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