

visiting Paris, M. Carnier of Nimes, who had expressed a wish to attend one of the meetings. This meeting was of ordinary interest. There was nothing unusual except the giving in of a sum of thirty-five francs by a brother, a pupil of M. Ingres. It was the result of a special collection in the master's workshop, for the poor of the Conference. The meeting over, M. Carnier thanked the members for their brotherly reception, saying that he had resolved to establish at Nimes a meeting of young men, exactly similar to that which he had just witnessed. In the beginning of the year 1835 he realized his project.

On the 19th of June, 1834, in consequence of a kind of official communication from M. Bailly, M. l'Abbé Faudet, who for several months had been kept current with the works of the Society, consented to come to one of the meetings, which, for his convenience, was fixed for Friday, June 27, instead of Tuesday, the usual day. The meeting went off as usual, with the addition of a report read by M. de Lanoue, on the works of the Conference since the beginning of the scholastic year. He stated, amongst other things, that the expenditure, the chief part of which consisted of the distribution of tickets to the poor, amounted to 1,401 francs. When M. l'Abbé Faudet came to the meeting, his countenance, which was habitually serious, almost severe, seemed full of care. It soon brightened in the presence of the frank, simple attractions of this assemblage of young men, and it was with real cordiality that M. Faudet wound up the meeting with a few words of paternal encouragement. The general satisfaction proved itself by the collection, which was fifty francs.

At that time there was a house of correction for young prisoners in the Rue des Grés, in the vicinity of the schools. The majority of those children were devoid of religion and good principle, and were almost completely abandoned to themselves, especially with regard to religion. One of the members, Leprevost, conceived the idea of giving the first elements of Christian instruction, in the hope of forming in them an upright intelligence and will on this basis. He