

of Mr. Macall, in a private letter from Paris, and speaks for itself:—"We are having many tokens of blessing just now. I never saw larger meetings, at St. Honori and Rivoli halls especially. But that is not all; the impression is visible to the eye. The people are so serious, and to my great delight they remain willingly behind, sometimes as many as *forty, fifty, and even seventy* for a prayer meeting, which is rapidly assuming the character of an "inquiry meeting." We have many tokens of the spirit's presence. I am sure you pray for us and for the people. Perhaps we are nearer the outpouring of the spirit in this city and country than we imagine. I long for it, and our longing is surely a sign that it is coming."

Good news comes from Pastor Hirsch. At Pouilly he gave an evangelistic address to some *three hundred* in a dancing hall, some of whom were women, and most of them Roman Catholics. These heard the word with gladness. He also spoke at La Charite, in a theatre to *five hundred* people, and made an excellent impression. This town was one of the many watered by the blood of the Huguenots long ago. At Chef-Boutonne a preaching station has been established, and the Gospel proclaimed again after a period of *one hundred and ninety-two years*, during which time Romanism prevailed.

At Coursan, a town of 3,000, our old friend Pastor Ouriere has formed a small church, of which thirty-two had renounced Romanism within the past two years. How white are the fields, and numerous the doors of usefulness open, which cannot be improved for lack of means!

Pastor Vernier spoke recently to *five hundred* persons, men, women and children, in a large hail at Cours, a town in the Rhone Department, most of whom stood for *two hours* until he had done. At Thizy about *one hundred* men, including the Mayor of the town, heard him, the latter publicly thanking him at the close of his address; asking him to return with the assurance that the women would also attend. This is a part almost entirely Catholic. At Houstem, Pastor Lepoids held three meetings, the hall being filled on each occasion. Here some conversions are reported, and some poor drunkards reclaimed. At Champieux, Pastor Galland was called upon to conduct the funeral ceremonies of a well-known and highly respected man, a Romanist by birth, it being his own request before he died. This gave him the privilege of preaching the Gospel to some *four or five hundred* people, who had never heard it before, and who listened with respectful attention and eagerly accepted tracts. In the Calvi district the evangelist found that some books sold a few days previously had been burned—the old story, but a very good sign of the work the Gospel is doing. M. Reveillaud with a friend has gone

to Algeria for a six weeks tour of evangelization, whither some of the Vaudois French Protestants have recently emigrated. The work of evangelization goes forward despite obstacles, which are neither few nor small. The *Macall Mission* is adding to the number of its preaching stations in different parts of France. The indomitable director of this work has his Gospel halls established in the most crowded parts of Paris, to the number of *twenty-five* or thereabouts, and it seems he is aiming to plant similar stations all over France. He needs thus to besiege the great stronghold of Romanism and indifference, from a multitude of vantage points, so that their fall shall be rendered more certain and speedy. Recently he and Mr. Dodds were over in London, to impress upon the Christian people of that city the great need of France, and to solicit funds for enlarging their work. The evangelical societies of France have agents here and there addressing meetings on the great subject of the Gospel. These are in general well received, eagerly listened to, having among their auditors, often, the leading officials of the municipality, who welcome them publicly to their town or village. There seems a growing disposition on the part of Roman Catholics to hear, which is frequently followed up by a renunciation of Romanism and an embracing of Protestantism. BUXY is a village wholly Roman Catholic, in the west. The regular gospel meetings there are attended by from *eighty to one hundred* people. ST. GENGOUX is less hopeful, but numbers a few devout people, who assemble for religious instruction. At Carberon M. Fancy had some *three to four hundred* hearers. The priest announced that he would answer Pastor Fancy the next Sabbath. He did so, but the people were so incensed by his address, that they became much more favorably disposed to the pastor. M. Paul Bouchard held a second meeting there with great success, and the people ask for continued preaching. Frequently the priests assist to make the pastor's meeting successful, by forbidding his people to attend. They thus come to know where the meeting is and go. Thus the dawn of the gospel day is slowly brightening and broadening. C. H.

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