

themselves are willing to do their share. The Protestants of Rheims have lately contributed 20,000 francs for the construction of two halls ; the pastors of the place undertake the charge of the services. This collection was gathered in a few days and speaks most eloquently of French appreciation of the McAll Mission. Such a gift out of their narrow resources means more than a much larger sum from the prosperous Christians of England and America.

For many years the question of Church fellowship and ordinances for those brought to the Saviour in the Mission's halls, has cost Mr. McAll and his fellow-labourers much anxious thought. Mr. McAll had hoped that as the converts became soundly instructed in Christian truth and gently led into Christian practice, and as their desire for church membership became strong they would join the church of their choice, whatever that denomination might be. Many have already done so ; nevertheless, a large number who are earnest Christians remained in the Mission halls without making any definite religious profession, the apparent coldness of the French Protestant ritual chills them and they prefer the simplicity of the Mission hall. A plan has been formed which it is hoped will remove all difficulties ; it is two-fold, first, wherever a Mission hall is placed within easy reach of a Christian church of whatever denomination of which the pastor is in sympathy with the work, that pastor is asked to form a branch of his own church in the Mission hall. Second, where there is no Christian church within easy reach any faithful pastor of any of the denominations will be invited to form (if he is able to do so) a Mission church to be attached to the denomination to which he belongs. Of these churches, four are now in process of formation—one in the Central Station of Bonne Nouvelle in connection with the French Reformed Church, the second is an open Baptist Church under the pastorate of M. Saillens, the third is a Free Church under Pastor Fisch, and the fourth belongs to the Free Church also. It must be clearly understood that this annexation of a station in no wise affects the character of the McAll Mission work nor the use of its funds. That work goes on as before and is entirely