

Four services a day were held. The entire attendance during the seven weeks of the vessel's stay was 23,500. We shall never forget the impressive scene—the crowded cabin—the evident delight in the gospel hymns—the new crowd rushing in as soon as the gangway was thrown open, etc. We are very anxious to have, if possible, a *permanent* missionary boat—to go through all the rivers and canals of France. Captain Pim and his wife, two devoted Christians, members of the Society of Friends, desire freely to give their lives to this special service, and we are now seeking for contributions to enable us to have the boat built, and to meet the annual outlay. If realised it promises to be a great blessing, as, thus, hundreds of places can be visited which are, as yet, wholly destitute of evangelistic effort.

Of the stations immediately cared for by you, La Rochelle and Rochefort, I can speak with thankfulness and confidence. Our missionary, M. Dürrelman, has gone on to labor in the two towns with unremitting diligence and marked success. We all feel him to be truly a "man of God," and his excellent wife is like-minded. Happily they have sent me in their annual report early, so that I am able to forward you a copy of it, together with the added statement of M. de Richemond, Archiviste of the Charente-Inférieure, who is the invaluable voluntary helper of Mr. D., and a man of great intelligence and influence. M. Durrelman's broken English will amuse you, but I thought it well to send it you just as I received it from him. I will only add the mention of an incident respecting his eldest boy, which Mr. D. was too modest to insert in the report. He told me that when his boy had gained certain high prizes in La Rochelle Public Schools, he was asked to write an essay, to be laid before the school authorities, in which he was to state what he wished to become. To his father's great joy he inserted the following words, "I wish to become a medical missionary in order that I may bring many souls to Christ."