

establishments for the printing of his paper; rents *en bloc* the whole of his advertising space to one of the advertising agencies; and then sits down to work, bothered about only two things—the preparation of copy and the subsequent sale on the street. Paris journals have not always had the enterprise they at present display, but American capital stepped in and founded a new paper, *Le Matin*, in 1884. Its founder, Mr. W. A. Hopkins, established his own printing office, arranged for his private telegraph lines, and infused such a spirit of activity and success into it that at present it has paid all expenses and is rapidly making its way to the fore. The circulation of the papers varies greatly with the nature and cost; but the list is headed by the cheapest of all, the *Petit Journal*, whose daily circulation is almost one million, with another two hundred thousand for its Saturday supplement, containing articles from Zola, Dumas, Sardon, etc. One reason for the very large circulation can be found in the universal desire of the French for fiction, and the catering to that desire on the part of the journals.

IN the following note we have a proof of the growing political and scientific importance of Christian missions. M. Pélagand, whom the French Minister of Public Instruction has sent through Syria on a “scientific trip,” reports in the columns of the *Nouvelle Revue* concerning the work of Protestant missions in the Orient:—“It is difficult to form an adequate conception of the work which Protestant mission societies are accomplishing in the East, and of the large sums of money which are spent for this purpose. In Syria scarcely a village can be found where there is not a Protestant school; even in the most remote valleys of the Hermon I have found such schools. I speak not of Hasheiad or Rasaya, which are comparatively important places, but rather of such localities as Medjel-es-chan, a dismal village in the deserts of Trachonitis, where I found a school with a pretty female teacher, who also aided me in finding valuable fossils. In Beirut a German hospital works hand in hand with the American University, which, with the practical sense of the