

often besieged by a dozen or two more who come from a distance and cannot be refused. At these dispensaries there is first a service of about thirty minutes ; then, whilst the patients are being seen one by one by the doctor, some of the ladies of the Mission sing to those who are waiting and speak to them of spiritual things ; medicine and advice are free.

Dr. Anderson says : " At all medical dispensaries Christ has given to his disciples a two-fold opportunity of winning souls ; they remind him of a certain river in England where you can fish with a rod in both hands, or of the ornamental pond at St. Cloud, where in hot weather the gold-fish swarm to such an extent, and come so close to the bank, that you can catch with your hand as many as you like." At St. Etienne, a manufacturing town with over 100,000 inhabitants, not far from Lyons, there is also a dispensary in connection with the Mission which is self-supporting, and in connection with it is a night-asylum for wayfarers with thirty scrupulously clean beds. Each traveller is given a bowl of soup on retiring and another in the morning on leaving ; thirty thousand bowls of soup were given during the year. The Missionary boats are also worthy of mention, of which there are two, both owned by Mr. Cook, of Gosport, and loaned by him to the McAll Mission, the "Mystery" for pioneer work on the canals,—she has also visited La Rochelle and Nantes ; the other, the "Herald of Mercy," plies along the northern coast, visiting Havre, Trouville, Cherbourg, Brest and St. Brieux. Six years ago the boat first visited Trouville, a fashionable watering place, and now on its second visit was found the fruit of the work in a group of saved souls, who meet every alternate Sunday for worship. At Cherbourg, where a hall was opened this year, there is an arsenal employing one thousand hands, and an armour-clad fleet lies in the harbour ; in all there are nine thousand young men under severe discipline far from home. They form the colonial army and are intended for the marshes of Tonquin or the fever districts of Senegal. Of one hundred that sail, it is said, not thirty return.

It is worthy of mention that while England and America are working for the evangelization of France the people