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Helps the Mission to Help Itself

AN INCREASING interest in Dr. McAll's Mission to the Workingmen of France led to the organization of The American McAll Association in 1883.

Gifts from Auxiliary groups of devoted women in the United States helped the Mission enlarge its activity in scope and space. Year after year, in peace and in war, the Association and the Mission have worked together to make known the love of God.

At the end of the last conflict the Association sent the Mission \$250,000. During this war, until diplomatic relations between the United States and the Vichy Government ceased, our Government permitted the Association to cable \$500 to \$1000 a month to the Headquarters of the Mission in Southern France.

Today the Association, which, like the Mission never ceases its activity, carries forward the work by

INTERCESSORY PRAYER—For those who suffer, and those who serve.

INTENSIVE STUDY—Of what is happening in France, and what post-war plans are being considered as they relate to France and the Mission. The Association is represented on various committees considering relief, reconstruction, and aid to the Churches of Europe.

GIFTS OF CLOTHING—To French refugees in Southern England, made possible through the assistance of The British War Relief Society. These shipments and those made in peace time represent an extra effort on the part of the Auxiliaries.

GIFTS OF MONEY—To a Freedom Fund wisely invested by the Association Treasurer, with the approval of the Finance Committee, until the time comes when funds can be sent to France. As soon as official permission is given, this money can be quickly cabled to the Mission for immediate use.

Giving to this Freedom Fund is in reality giving to the Mission itself. This money will be used to pay for the Christian activity carried on during the war, and then for its increase in the days of Peace. It will pay for the work that is going on now in the Mission Centers. It will rebuild where there is destruction. It will renew the strength of mind and body. It will help to restore the souls of men, and lead them, with loving-kindness and mercy, in the paths of Peace.



To every individual who is concerned about the future this Freedom Fund affords an opportunity to give a gift of money to a Mission that works to keep alive and lasting that same Christian Freedom for which men now offer their greatest gift—Life itself.

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... in Peace and in War ...

Wherever people, both big and little, are adrift, suffer from deprivation, or have hearts that hurt;

There courageous French men and women, in centers of Christian fellowship, work

WITHOUT CEASING

La Mission Populaire Evangélique de France—*The People's Mission*
Is Able to Carry On Its Work of Love and Helpfulness



because

The Workers are French

These men and women, enthusiastic youths and experienced adults, are all motivated by a Christ-like spirit.

The Leadership Is Continuous

There are always individuals who from their own experience in the Mission center, have grown to love working with people and want to devote their lives to Christian activity. To them is given the best training in Christian education.

The Workers Know the Needs

Being of the people and one with them in their daily life, these workers know personally the individual and group difficulties and the best possible way of helping effectively.

The Field Is Unlimited

The Mission aims to reach the workingmen outside the circle of Christian influence. As the French Protestant Churches do not have the personnel or financial strength to care for the families of these men, the Mission becomes their Evangelical arm. In character, organization, and scope the work is interdenominational, without doctrinal, economic, or political tendencies. The Mission cooperates with other agencies working for Christian welfare.

The Emphasis Is Personal

In accordance with a national French characteristic, the approach and emphasis are personal—"Jesus loves you." Every life is precious and has possibilities.

The Mission Is Equipped to Act

Pastors, who are directors of local centers known as "Fraternités," Evangelists, Nurse-Evangelists, and scores of volunteer leaders and assistants make up the devoted staff of the Mission. They work through:

Sixteen strategically placed stations in Paris and in the Provinces at Amiens, Lille, Marseilles, Nantes, Nemours, Roubaix, Rouen, St. Nazaire, and St. Quentin.

Two Chapel Boats, a traveling Gospel Van, Vacation Colonies, a Book Stall on the Seine, a Chapel at St. Ouen Cemetery, and Caravans in the Paris "Zone" where transients live "on wheels."

It Meets the Needs of the Hour

Experience in the last war prepared the Mission for its work during these days of conflict and rehabilitation.

Evacuated children, bombed out families, and women left alone turn to the Mission. A steadily increasing multitude, they seek a place of warmth and safety, something to eat and to wear, something to do, and above all, some one who cares.

For these fellow citizens the Mission has made available heated halls, feeding centers, clothes depots, clinics, refugee centers and foster homes. To all have been given spiritual care and comfort.

It Is Prepared for Peace

To sustain now and to lay the foundation for peaceful days, the Mission has maintained and reestablished as far as possible the needed activities of normal times which were Recreation, after-school study, Daily Vacation Bible Schools, Vacation Colonies, Scout troops for all ages, youth organizations, adult study and service groups, dispensaries, week-day prayer meetings and Sunday services for the whole family. For many the Fraternité preserves the only center for family unity, moral education and Christian influence.

Thus the Mission continues to carry out the purpose for which its founder, The Reverend Robert Whitaker McAll, left his home in England. In response to a call from French working people, he took to those who sought it, the teaching and practice of a religion of Truth and Liberty. His spirit lives on in the work of the Mission.

Its Faith Is Unconquerable

The Mission workers know no fear. Although with an inadequate budget, the work increases. In peace time the funds were raised by people of the Mission, the French Protestant Churches and friends in England, Canada, Holland, Switzerland and the United States. The war has greatly curtailed these contributions. During the last war funds were borrowed which these friends later repaid.

"With confidence," says the Honorary President of the Mission, "that is an act of faith, let us approach the future, however dark the clouds which obscure the horizon. Clouds never extinguish the Sun. The grace of God remains with us. And that suffices."