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REVIVAL OF FRENCH PROTESTANTISM

Methodist Mission on the Ivory Coast and the Norwegian Lutheran Mission in Madagascar. A missionary Church always has a future. There is no reason why this one should be an exception.

In these few paragraphs we have striven to show that French Protestantism, reduced to such a low level at the beginning of the nineteenth century, has risen again. Its membership now numbers about 700,000, divided into 1,038 parishes under the direction of 1,097 pastors. A glimpse has been given into some of its problems, which, after all, are much the same as those facing the Churches of England and America. The solution, there as here, is a spiritual one. Increased interest in religion, and a wider circulation of the Bible, show clearly that the Spirit of God is at work in France. Those who are in touch with the throbbing heart of the land clearly realize this. The material conception of the universe has ceased to satisfy. People are seeking God. There is 'the sound of the wind in the tops of the mulberry trees.'

Who are the Basques?

The Basques live on both sides of the Pyrenees, in France and Spain. Voltaire, referring to their liking for dancing and active games, called them a people 'who jump and dance on the crags of the Pyrenees.' In France there are about 1,300,000 of them, and in Spain 900,000 as well as an undetermined number in Navarre (Spain).

Basque (like Aryan) is a linguistic and social, rather than racial term. The origin of the Basques is unknown, and is a standard puzzle to anthropologists. They are a long-headed people speaking a very ancient language called Euzkara, absolutely distinct from any other known speech. The Basques are, therefore, non-Aryans. About 600,000 Basques speak this language to-day, and the local enthusiasm for self-government is leading to a vigorous revival of it.

They are a highly individualistic folk and their inability to combine for action is the chief reason why they have lost their independence to France and Spain. Strongly Catholic they have made a signal contribution to the Jesuit order. St. Ignatius, the founder, was a Basque, as was also St. Francis Xavier, the great Jesuit missionary to China.

Evangelical work among them in Spain is represented by two small churches in San Sebastian and Bilbao, with just over a hundred members among a population of nearly a million.