## FRANCIS SCHLATTER, THE MAN WHO HEALED 100 000

An extraordinary destiny, in the broadest sense, is that of Francis Schlatter, a "God send", without any doubt one of the greatest, today forgotten by history but who is admirably revived in this memorable work by Gil Alonso-Mier, first biography written in French, devoted to the Divine Healer of 100 000. Francis Schlatter was born on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 1856 in Ebersheim, Alsace, ninth child of a very religious family. Deaf and blind at birth, he was cured miraculously at a young age ... perhaps thanks to the prayers of his mother. His destiny as the Chosen One began and continued on and on. In 1870, after his father's death, Francis decided to become a cobbler. It is not necessary to point out the significance of this profession and its symbolism... But one can see that the road is already laid out before him. He came to America as a German immigrant in 1884 guided by the One he called "Father". He settled in Denver where he began his ministry of healing, confident in his purpose. He then started, driven by an irresistible urge, a 730 day voyage by foot, crossing eight states, his journey punctuated by many miracles. Arrested as a tramp, he went to jail but no-one could prevent him from travelling and reaching Albuquerque, (New Mexico), after a round trip of approximately 9 000 kms, he decided to fast for 40 days in the desert. Returning then to Denver, his point of departure, he settled to a daily routine of healing a group of followers who paid homage to this simple man, the Healer and his extraordinary works. There were close to 100 000 suffering people in all conditions healed by Francis Schlatter throughout the course of 58 days! On November 14<sup>th</sup>, 1895, Mister Fox while housing Schlatter in Denver, found a note in his bedroom: "Mr. Fox – My mission is finished. Father takes me away. Good-bye". (signed) "Francis Schlatter". That's the last of the one we know by many different names: "The greatest Divine Healer of this century, The Saint of Denver, The Pilgrim of God, The Healing Prophet, The poor cobbler of Colorado"... So... who was he really this Francis Schlatter, described once by the well respected Papus who said in the review "L'Initiation" of March 1896: "Francis Schlatter was an enlightened man, and we can only say for those who know that this obscure man, by his birth and social position, was One of the Apostles sent by God in 1855". In this multi-facetted and knowledgeable work, after 3 long years of endless research in France and in the States and thanks to multiple primary documents published for the first time in this edition, Gil Alonso-Mier illustrates in a very straightforward style, the life of Francis Schlatter. A long awaited biography!