

the Heidelberg Catechism as its Doctrinal Symbol, while the French Churches at Erlangen, Wilhelmsdorf and Schwabach, use in addition the Rochelle Confession and the French Discipline. The names of the Parishes are the French Reformed Church of Erlangen, with annex of German Reformed Church of Erlangen; Reformed Church of Nuremberg, with the annex of Schwabach; Reformed Churches of Baireuth, Grönenbach and Herbishofen in Suabia, and of Marienheim on the Danube.

THE WALDENSIAN CHURCH consists, strictly speaking, of the seventeen parishes in the valleys, all the other congregations in Italy being the result of evangelistic work and standing on a different footing. The Synod meets annually in September, and is composed of all the ministers on the roll, two lay deputies from each of the seventeen parishes and the lay members of the different Church Committees. There are no Presbyteries properly so called, but in their place are five District Conferences, held annually in the mission field, with two Free Conferences in the valleys. The government of the Church is Presbyterian, there being Sessions, Conferences, Synod or Synodal Commission or Table with the peculiarity that only the male communicants over twenty-five years of age are reckoned as members of the Church. Attention has lately been called to the *Reformed Church of the Grisons* (Rhetica Confessio, 1558), and more especially to that portion of it which consists of Italian congregations. These are six in number, with nearly 3,000 members, and while tracing back their history only to the Reformation, yet as the Reformed doctrine came to them not from the Swiss or the German movement, but from the Italian, their sympathies are strongly with the Waldensian Church.

THE FREE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN ITALY is the fruit of a variety of agencies and labours. It has no Presbyteries, but holds an annual General Assembly composed of from one to three delegates from each congregation.

THE CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH OF THE NETHERLANDS has ten Annual Assemblies, or Provincial Synods, with one Triennial General Synod, composed of seventy-four persons—two ministers and two elders from each Assembly and four deputies. The average number of elders is four in each congregation. The Consistory or Session takes charge also of the temporal affairs of the congregation, one of their number, called the *Kerk raad*, acts as trustee and takes charge of the church buildings.

THE OLD REFORMED CHURCH OF BENTHEIM AND EAST FRIESLAND consists of one Presbytery, composed of the minister and elder from each congregation (two elders if there be no pastor). Five of the congregations are in Bentheim and four in East-Friesland. This Church is a secession from the National Church, and is in friendly relations with the Christian Reformed Church, to whose mission agencies it contributes.

THE SPANISH CHRISTIAN CHURCH has two Presbyteries—Madrid and Seville—with a General Assembly consisting of a Moderator, President, Vice-President, two Vocals and a General Permanent Secretary.