

grant of £500 to that Society, in the time of their necessity, and communicated the gratifying intelligence that, through the Divine blessing, the debt which last year pressed so heavily upon the Society, and threatened to suspend their operations, had been entirely removed.

In May, 1850, the Report of this Committee on Correspondence was again called for, when the Convener read a letter from the same Evangelical Society of Geneva, conveying to the Synod an expression of their Christian affection, and acknowledging the warm and active interest which the Synod had manifested in their labors. The Committee reported further, that, in their opinion, the duty of this Church to the Evangelical Reformed Church of France could not be fitly discharged by a mere letter approving of their secession from the National Protestant Church of France; and that they had sent a delegation of their number to visit them, and had appointed Dr. Struthers, and Messrs. A. Thompson and John Henderson, of Park, to attend the first meeting of their Synod,—a meeting at which the union of the Evangelical Churches of France was to be formally constituted. There these gentlemen were to express their most cordial approval of the step that had been taken, their deep sense of its importance in relation to the religious condition of France, and of their earnest desire for Divine guidance in the preliminary arrangements, and for their continued and extending influence. The Committee reported that the Delegates were cordially welcomed by the French Synod, and felt the deepest interest and gratification in their deliberations and decisions.

The Synod cordially received and adopted the Report, and approved of what had been done.

The Rev. Frederick Monod, President and attested Deputy of the Union of the Evangelical Churches of France to this Synod, addressed the Court on the origin, state, and prospects of said Union, and entreated the Synod's aid in carrying on the work of evangelization in France.

Year after year the Synod has been maintaining friendly intercourse with these Churches in France, by deputations, sent to them and coming from them; and they materially aided them with funds.

With other Continental Churches there has, at the same time, been correspondence maintained. In 1853, Dr. Andrew Thomson, as Convener of the Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches, presented and read their Report. The Rev. Frederick Monod, of Paris; Professor La Harpe, of Geneva; and the Rev. Louis Durand, of Belgium, successively addressed the Synod on the position, exertions, and prospects of the Churches and Societies they severally represented, and made an earnest appeal on their behalf, soliciting from the Synod continued intercourse, co-operation, and liberality, in carrying forward the great work of evangelization in which, amidst great difficulty and much opposition, they are respectively engaged.

The Synod unanimously agreed to express their thanks to the