

and tracts, &c.—in short, a system that would keep the truth continually before the minds of the benighted people. Their ignorance is so gross, and their prejudices so strong, the Committee can see no way by which any decided impression of a religious nature can be made upon their minds, but by constantly and meekly holding forth the word of life—that word which God hath promised shall not return to him void.

For these reasons, the Committee would recommend to the Synod, to establish, as a *Church Scheme*, a *French Protestant Mission*, in support of which annual contributions should be levied from all the churches within their jurisdiction. Besides the sums thus raised, considerable foreign aid may be expected: thus, a mighty moral agency might be put in operation, which would sap the strong foundations of superstition, dispel the prevailing ignorance, and shed a cheering radiance over the land.

The contributions for the past year have been liberal; and though not more than one-third of the congregations, under the jurisdiction of the Synod, have made collections, the funds have been adequate to the current expenses. The letters accompanying the contributions of the respective congregations, all express the deep interest which the people feel in the work, and give the Committee assurance that their assistance shall not fail, so long as the mission is conducted on economical and Christian principles.

The Committee, however, have to express their regret, that so few of the congregations have considered it a duty to lend their aid in this work, more especially since the harvest is so plenteous, and the labourers are so few. They cannot allow themselves to believe, that they who have kept back have been actuated by the godless principle, that all religions are alike indifferent, and that they are under no obligation to relive the spiritual wants of any beyond the pale of their own communion; but may leave them undisturbed in the belief and practice of fatal errors. In the pecuniary difficulties with which many of the infant congregations have to contend, too good an excuse is unhappily to be found for their want of coöperation;