

Church of God, as the use of means for restoring the poor self-expatriated children of Israel. As a Church, they had absolutely done nothing; and they should feel themselves obliged to the Presbytery of Kilmarnock for putting them in mind of an important piece of long-neglected duty. Acting by themselves as a Church, there was a probability of their working more effectually than through the instrumentality of any society. It appeared that the Society in existence—the Catholic Society—was supported to a very great extent, by the funds of this Church, and that there was no reason to doubt that these funds might be easily raised to any extent that was at all likely to be called for. He cordially rejoiced in the proposal. He hoped the Synod would go into it heartily; and he had no doubt that the blessing of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, would rest with them in the prosecution of this great and important work.

Mr SYMINGTON moved, "That in consideration of the representations from the 'Scottish Society for the Conversion of Israel,' the Synod appoint a committee to communicate with the committee of said Society, with power to make such arrangements as will aid in carrying out the object of the overture, and will be in accordance with the rules of the Church, and report at this meeting of Synod."

After some further discussion, this motion was adopted.

Subsequently the committee reported that they had an interview with the deputies who had unanimously expressed themselves in favour of the transference of the Society's agencies to the Synod.

The Synod's committee agreed to recommend the Synod to accept of said transference, if formally offered by the Society, and to commit this whole matter *in hoc statu* to the Mission Board to consummate the necessary arrangements, the Board preserving, as far as possible, the catholic spirit of the Society, so as to retain the contributions of Christian brethren of other denominations. Mr Symington stated that there was no proposal to interfere in the management and operations of the Society, but simply that it be received on a basis similar to that on which the Synod received the Scottish Missionary Society.

On the motion of Mr Robertson of Stowe, the report was received and adopted.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH FOREIGN CHURCHES.

Dr THOMSON read the Report of the the Committee on Correspondence with Foreign Churches. It stated, that the correspondence with foreign churches steadily widens. New churches invite fraternal intercourse, and the growing interest and liberality of our congregations at home, keep pace with the growing knowledge and the enlarging circle of correspondence. A letter to the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of the West in the United States has been prepared, and will be transmitted in time for the annual assembly of the Synod. In conformity with the instructions of last Synod, the committee prepared and transmitted a reply to the Table of the Waldensian Synod, reciprocating the kind and respectful sentiments contained in their letter, and conveying a wish that one or more deputies from their Church should refresh us by their presence on this occasion. Since then, letters have been received from the Waldensian Moderator, Dr Revel, expressing the gratification of their committee at this request, and regretting that the assembling of their own Synod, on the 19th of May, rendered compliance with our invitation next to impossible; at the same time expressing a willingness, should your committee insist on it, to cross the Alps at once, and be in time for our meeting. The committee did not feel warranted in withdrawing from the little band of faithful ministers and elders, at the time when they were met in counsel, and surrounded by the difficulties which their new liberty had brought on them, two of their most valuable men.

Those Waldensian deputies expect to reach Scotland in the beginning of June, and Messrs Lantaret and Pilatte are affectionately commended to the care of individual ministers and churches. These men, with their brethren, are doing a great work in the north of Italy. It is not yet ten years since they received liberty of preaching and worship beyond the narrow boundaries of their own valleys; and during that short period they have carried the Gospel and planted churches or mission stations from the shores of the Mediterranean on the west, to the frontiers of Lombardy on the east, and are entering in at the great door and effectual that has been opened for them