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The Church of Geneva.

THE EVANGELICAL SOCIETY AND COLLEGE. PART V.

THE *Société Evangélique*, instituted in 1832, retains its autonomy as an un-denominational institution; it has no organic connection with the Free Church of Geneva, but it is so closely allied to it, doctrinally, and sympathizes so heartily with it in its work, it is convenient to notice it in this connection. Saving its independence of the Church, it resembles the Board of French Evangelization of our own Church in its three branches of work—COLPORTAGE, EVANGELIZATION, and EDUCATION. It employs from sixty-five to seventy-five colporteurs. Their work is spread over thirty-six departments of France, where the reports for a series of years show that the Catholics of that country have received them well and that they have done much good. It has a staff of some fifteen ordained pastors and evangelists, labouring chiefly in the south of France, at the same time that a number of the summer stations in Switzerland and Savoy frequented by travellers are also supplied with stated services. The yearly expenditure of the Society is nearly \$50,000, derived from annual subscriptions—about one-fourth being contributed by Geneva, the remainder is drawn

from other parts of Switzerland, from France and Italy, and largely from Britain and Ireland and the United States of America.

The *Theological College* is worthy of special notice. It has had a very successful career. Not to speak of its founders, Dr. Gaussen and Dr. Merle d'Aubigny, it has had a number of eminent men on its staff—Gallard, de Steiger, Hævernick, Pilet, de-la-Harpe, Binden, and others. Rev. Edward Barde, who is now the President and Professor of New Testament Exegesis and Homiletics, is a man of superior culture and learning, and also of unbounded enthusiasm. He was formerly a pastor of the State Church, and is accounted the most eloquent and popular preacher in Geneva at the present time. As a platform speaker he has few equals, and his weekly lectures in his Bible-class draw immense audiences. Rev. L. Ruffet, D.D., Professor of Church History, is also a highly accomplished man, of fine presence and most engaging manner. In all, there are five professors and several assistants. The number of students registered since the college was opened is upwards of five hundred, most of whom became pastors. Ten became foreign missionaries; thirty went to Italy; Geneva, Vaud, and Neuchatel have received about seventy ministers from it—some of them for the National Church. The number of