

appoint a small committee, with Dr. Lorimer, of London, as convener, to correspond on this subject with all the branches of the Presbyterian Churches represented in the Alliance, and to prepare a report of the information which is obtained to the next meeting of the Council in 1890."

PRESBYTERIAN LITERATURE.

"The Council expresses its earnest hope that the office-bearers and members of all the Churches here represented will give liberal support and encouragement to such publication as may be suggested by the committee now appointed."

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

"That the Council, having regard to foreign mission work as an essential and urgent duty, needing to be much more earnestly prosecuted by all Christian Churches, and in which it is of increasing importance that there should be the utmost attainable co-operation amongst the Churches of this Alliance, appoint a committee to collect and digest full information as to the fields at present occupied by them, their plans and modes of operations, with instructions to report the same to next General Council, together with any suggestions they may judge it wise to submit respecting the possibility of consolidating the existing agencies, or preparing the way for co-operation in the future."

FATHERS OF THE REFORMATION.

"That the Council herewith express the hope that the office-bearers and members of the several Churches here represented, by purchasing and reading their works, will support and encourage the labours of such scholars as should devote themselves to the work of bringing out the acts and writings of the fathers of the Reformation."

LETTERS OF GREETING.

Dr. Dorner, of Berlin, expresses his hope "that a new era of power and fruitfulness in all works affecting the interests of the kingdom of God, will date from your Assembly, and, by means of it, may the interchange of gifts which the Lord of the Church has lent or may lend to different portions of it become ever richer and more fruitful in knowledge and holy living."

Professor Lechler, of Leipzig, who has for twenty-five years been investigating Presbyterian institutions and fostering Presbyterian congregations, regards this endeavour to bring together the Presbyterian Churches as unexampled during the whole course of the history of Christ's Church.

Professor Christlieb wrote:—"How much I should like to be with you at the Conference, but this is undoubtedly the busiest season of the year in a German University." Dr. Christlieb accompanies his letter with an important paper, expressing among other things, his desire that means be taken to make the various Presbyterian Churches better acquainted with the work and methods of one another.

From Professor Riggensbach, and several other leading ministers and