

gratification the addresses of the respected deputies of the different Churches represented by them, resolve to record their high appreciation of the affectionate concern in the welfare of this Church which prompted these delegations, and do now cordially reciprocate the same spirit of Christian brotherhood and love.

The Synod rejoices in the opportunity of welcoming in its midst so well known a representative of the Old School Presbyterian Church, and of hearing from him an interesting statement of the condition and prospects of that large and influential body. They fervently pray that that Church may continue in communion, either more or less closely, with other Churches, to advance and build up the cause of Christ both amongst ourselves and throughout the world, and at the same time to exert a salutary influence in all things pertaining to the interests of that mighty nation.

The Synod does also express its pleasure in entering upon a friendly intercourse with the Reformed Church of America—a Church reminding us of important historical association in the past, as well as of valuable services to the Presbyterian cause in the early history of this Province, and honoured to maintain a position of great influence in the United States. In its work, both at home and abroad, the Synod feels a deep interest, and earnestly prays that it may ever be guided and directed by the spirit of Jesus Christ, and honoured to promote more abundantly the cause and kingdom of our common Lord.

And further, the Synod hails with peculiar delight the visit of our eminent brother from Scotland, both on his own account as formerly a minister of the Presbyterian Church of Canada in the city of Montreal; also, because of the honoured Church which he represents, and which is so intimately connected with this Church. The Synod has looked with deep interest on the onward progress and growing prosperity of the Free Church of Scotland, and whilst giving thanks to the Lord for the grace bestowed upon it for that end, trusts that it may be blessed with greater success in the future, in all its operations, both in Britain and in other lands. Finally, our prayers shall follow our beloved brother that wherever his lot may be cast he may be ever under the guardianship of the Most High, and the teaching of the Holy Spirit, and that having served God according to His will in his day, he may at length have an entrance ministered unto him abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We may also here state that the Rev. Mr. Coussirat, of the French Evangelical Church in Canada, presented a commission, and, on the invitation of the Synod, addressed them, Mr. Chiniquy acting as interpreter. The Synod adopted the following minute with reference to Mr. Coussirat: The Synod having listened with deep interest to the fraternal address of the Rev. Prof. Coussirat, Deputy of the French Evangelical Church in Canada, rejoice in the report which he gives of the progress of the Church which he represents, pray that God may greatly bless their missionary labours among the French people, and request him to convey to his Church the cordial greetings of the Synod, and their prayers for their welfare and progress.

STATE OF RELIGION.

We have already adverted to the prominence given at this meeting of Synod to the state of religion. The Report was given in on the evening of Wednesday, 9th. As comparatively few Presbyteries had reported, it