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On the 24th of October, 1700, a letter was read from Mr. Hales, the English Clergyman, of whom I have before spoken²⁴ as exhibiting, in the early part of that century, the deepest interest in the Protestant congregations of Europe. He was then visiting St. Gall, in Switzerland; and Scherer, Minister of St. Gall, was appointed, probably in consequence of this letter, Corresponding member for that district. Three months afterwards, Osterwald, the celebrated Pastor of Neufchatel, in Switzerland, was requested to undertake the like office. His religious works were among the earliest books which the Society placed upon its catalogue, and still remain among its most valued instruments of Christian guidance. On the 28th of April, 1701, the distinguished James Saurin was appointed Correspondent for Utrecht, and Turetin and Tronchin for Geneva. A letter, also, in French, addressed to the Dean and Pastors of Neufchatel, of which a translation was read to the meeting, was approved, and ordered to be sent; and another, ordered to be drawn up in Latin by Dr. Nicholls²⁵, the friend and correspondent of Jablonski, and sent to the Clergy of the Canton of Zurich.

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The correspondence thus begun was soon extended to other quarters; and, on the 14th of May, 1702, a Latin letter was laid before the Society, from Klingler, Antistes of Zurich, in the name of the Protestant Churches of Zurich, Berne, Basle, Schaffhausen, and other places in Switzerland.

Correspondence between the Protestant congregations of Europe, and the two Societies of the Church of England.

²⁴ See pp. 541. 544, *ante*.

²⁵ See p. 542, *ante*, where a remarkable extract is given from a Latin letter addressed by Jablonski to Nicholls, in 1708.