

made by congregations throughout the country,—some of them in the distant Highlands, who out of their deep poverty came forward willingly to help their brethren on the other side of the Alps in the time of their need, and to enable them to take advantage of the opening which the favouring providence of God had given. Of the sum raised for this great and good work, we find that England has furnished about £4000; Scotland, £2000; Holland, £1850;—the fruits of collections ordered throughout all the churches; and donations have been sent from all quarters of Europe, and all ranks, from the king of Prussia, whose name appears for 1000 francs, (£40,) down to the humblest Alpine peasant.

This beautiful church, which is 90 feet long by 60 broad, and 50 feet in height, was opened and set apart for public worship on the 15th November, 1854. There were two services, one in the Italian language, in the forenoon, and the other in French, in the afternoon. On each occasion there were upwards of a thousand persons present. How cheering it must have been to see crowds of persons—many of them, we trust, sincere worshippers—hastening along to fill the seats of a church where the pure truth of the Word of God is to be proclaimed from week to week in the midst of the thick darkness of Romish error and superstition that reigns there! The Church of the Waldenses in the lovely valleys of Piedmont is, in the forms of public worship and in other respects, a good deal like our own Church. It has its presbyteries, called consistories, and its general moderator, who presides over the whole Church, but holds his office for five years, instead of one as with us. The present moderator, the Rev. Mr. Revel, who visited this country to obtain subscriptions for building the church, preached the French sermon at its opening; and the Rev. Mr. Meille, who, along with Mr. Bert, is to be pastor of the new church, the Italian. Along with him there were present 17 Waldensian pastors and professors of the college at La Tour, which is one of the principal towns or villages in the Piedmontese valleys, where a college has, at no distant date, been instituted for training young men for the ministry instead of their being at the trouble and expense of going to Geneva to be educated.

This church will now be supplied with Waldensian pastors. May they be men after God's own heart! May the Great Head of the Church, who has, in His good providence, opened up this door of usefulness, render it a means of rich blessing to many souls!