

## F. The Synod of Dort

Now the Synod of Dort then was called by the ~~for~~ government of Holland. And the government invited all the Reformed churches, that is, all the churches except those that were following the Lutheran formula of concord ~~(?)~~. These had shut themselves off from the other Reformed ~~reformed~~ (?) churches, ~~if~~ even refusing to recognize the Calvinists - some of them, as being part of the Reformation at all. So they naturally were not invited. But the Reformed churches in Germany were invited, and sent delegates to the Synod ~~f~~ of Dort. The Reformed churches in Switzerland were invited and sent delegates to the Synod. The Reformed Church in France was invited and appointed delegates, but the government of France refused to let them go, so the French Protestants, who numbered way over a million at this time, and included many of the outstanding people of France, were not permitted by the government to leave the country. And they invited the reformed Reformed people of the churches of England and Scotland. And do King James appointed three Englishmen and one Scotchman Scot to go to represent them at the Synod of ~~d~~ Dort. Now the number from Holland itself was much larger than all the others put together. All the provinces of The Netherlands were invited to send representatives. And these representatives met in the fall of 1618 ~~at~~ and continued their discussions until late in the following spring. They met for about six months and they completely condemned the Remonstrants and declared that they had no right in the Reformed Church of Holland. But they did not adopt the position of the Gomars (?). The followers of Gomar were greatly disappointed that their position was not adopted. It was not specifically condemned, but it was not ~~not~~ adopted at the Synod of Dort. The Synod took a position - a definitely anti-Remonstrant position, and adopted five articles in answer to the five articles of the Remonstrants. And these five articles are contained in Schaff's (sp?) Creeds of Christendom, in the original Latin, and also in the translation into English which was adopted by the Dutch Reformed Church which was established in New York here as an offshoot of the Dutch ~~f~~ Reformed Church about the middle of the 17th century