

agement of the Synod this, its only foreign mission, having for its object the extension of Christian knowledge and of the Kingdom of Christ among the ninety millions of Indian

females still almost wholly sunk in darkness and superstition.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

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Our Sanctum.

The sixth general Conference of the great Ecumenical Council to which the whole Christian world has been looking forward for some time with eager expectation has become a matter of history. Uplifted by the four winds of heaven, as it were, this tidal wave of Christian Philanthropy has broken on the shores of the New World, and the question that most concerns us now is, shall its glistening spray be like water spilled upon the ground that cannot be gathered up again? or, shall we not rather think of its influences ascending heavenward in a cloud, to descend again "and sweetly distil in the dew and the rain?" Already we may almost say in respect of the Alliance, "There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard. Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world." But, this exhibition of brotherly love is a blind, this talk about charity is a cheat, this semblance of Christian fellowship is a shadow if it do not produce in us the peaceable fruits of righteousness. What kind of fruits *should* we look for? Well, first and foremost, amongst our ministers we chime in with Henry Ward Beecher in his belief that we can do without a tremendous display of scientific research in the pulpit, and that we can dispense altogether with sentimentalism and *sensationalism*. With Dr. Parker, we would have less importance attached to the rhythm of faultless composition and even to the eloquence of utterance, though these have their value, but, sitting at the feet of Christlieb, we look more to the earnest and fearless preaching of Jesus Christ and Him crucified as the great panacea for rationalism, for convincing and converting sinners, and building up the people of God in their most holy faith. Then, we look for larger manifestations of christian people's faith in the efficacy of prayer. We look that an increased stimulus will be given to Sabbath schools and other associations. And, lastly, we look for the downfall of that unnatural barrier, that unfair "toleration," that allows the minister of one Protestant church to preach within the walls of another, but esteems it "unorthodox" and unlawful to reciprocate the Christian courtesy.

Quite in keeping with the motto of the Alliance—"In essentials, Unity, in non-essentials, Liberty, in all, Charity"—were the religious services extending over a whole week which inaugurated the new building just erected for the use of the Young Men's Christian Association of Montreal, when crowded meetings were held every day in the week to listen to speakers from afar as well as to addresses from nearly all the Evangelical ministers in the city. Occasions such as these make us believe that in no other city in the

world would it be so easy to undermine and pull down that miserable wall of partition already referred to, and that now totters on its dignity. At this meeting Mr. Davis, in the course of an admirable address, made the remarkable announcement that it has been decided to hold the next general conference of the Alliance within the walls of the City of Rome!

Attention continues to be directed to the important and hitherto unsolved problem, how the ravages of intemperance are to be most effectually stayed. There is a multitude of counsellors, though it can scarcely be said, yet, that wisdom is justified of her children. For the evil, it is acknowledged by all, goes on apace. The Bishop of Ontario, in an able address on the subject, lately stated that he had lost faith in Temperance Societies, and in the power of religion almost, to cure the malady, the only corrective for which, he had come to believe, was to make the whole question a "political one," and to enforce an absolute "prohibition" of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors. On the other hand, a society has been formed recently under the name of the Montreal Temperance Vigilance Association, whose declared object is to aid the constituted authorities in enforcing the laws which at present regulate the traffic. They put themselves, voluntarily, in the position of a special constabulary to communicate with the proper authorities with a view to the summary and effective punishment of offenders. If there be room for any more societies of this kind; one might be suggested having for its special object, a crusade against Bar-room tipping, and "treating" in general. This is, perhaps, one of the most seductive and pernicious customs of the day, yet one which might be hopefully grappled with. "Have ye not houses to eat and drink in?" asks St. Paul.

Ladies who do so "stitch, stitch, stitch." for bazaars, and gentlemen who are appointed to speak from platforms should take heart of grace on learning that a bazaar lately held in the village of Antigonish, N. S., realized the sum of \$7,500, and that a Missionary meeting held in the small town of Peterboro, Ontario, subscribed \$1680 for a mission to Japan! To prevent any *mistake* it should be added that the former was under Roman Catholic auspices, the latter, under Methodist. *At these rates*, how much should our large and wealthy cities, say Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Kingston, give for a Presbyterian mission? we give it up.

THE DUNDEE HERSHEY CASE.—The Dundee Free Presbytery have resolved, by a majority of 12 to 14, to abandon further proceedings against Mr. Knight under the libel framed