

As presaging this predicted and happy era, we point to "THE CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS OF ALL NATIONS," held at Geneva, in the beginning of September, and which, from the accounts that have reached us, was of the most delightful character—a type of "Paradise restored." Harmony presided over their conference, and love knit all hearts in holiest bonds.

The objects of the assembly were of the most sacred and Heaven-approved character, viz., an exhibition of Christian brotherhood, the dissipation of prejudice by fraternal intercourse and the invigoration of Christian love and zeal in the cause of their common Lord and Saviour. These are objects that warranted a gathering together of Christ's disciples from the four winds of heaven, and could not fail to secure for the assembled believers the Divine presence and blessing. And the place of meeting—GENEVA—is invested with deep interest. The very name has something of talismanic power with us and other kindred churches. The city of Calvin, a man of the highest and finest intellect and holiest character; where he nobly and successfully "contended for the faith once delivered to the saints." There, two months ago, and 297 years after the death of that great Reformer, assembled in the ancient Cathedral of St. Pierre, Christian brethren of all nations and of all names, to greet each other in love, to unite in supplications to their common God and Father through Christ their common Saviour, and to engage in fraternal conference regarding the state and prospects of the Church and the world, and to encourage each others' hearts, and to strengthen each others' hands in the great work of evangelization devolved on them by their Divine Lord. The subjects of discussion and converse were all interesting and important. The phases of error at present rampant, the observance of the Sabbath, and the state of the Sabbath in various lands, and the missions of the Churches at home and abroad, received the earnest and devout attention of the assembly. Many of the papers read and addresses delivered were of a very high order, indicating patient research, great analytical and illustrative power, and a large measure of the spirit of Christ. We shall favour our readers with two extracts, taken from the *Evangelical Christendom*:—First, from an "Address on Ragged Schools," by Dr. Guthrie, of Edinburgh, whose praise is in all the churches, as a prince among preachers, and as a man of fine and gushing benevolence—a minister who adorns by good deeds the doctrines he preaches.

Dr. Guthrie rose and pleaded in favour of Ragged Schools: "I found, the other day, in an hotel at Verona, an inscription on a box which describes better than I can, those for whom I am proud to stand as an advocatè—'*Per la miserabile infanzia.*' Is there any thing more lovely than to see an infant smile? And to my eye there is nothing so painful as to see a poor skeleton of a child, with rags on its back, laying its little head on the foul shoulder of its drunken mother. It is in favour of such that I am here to plead."