

THE GENERAL COUNCIL.

The Conference held in London towards the close of last month has been successful. There is now every reason to hope that the thirty-four millions of Presbyterians

throughout the world will be united in one grand "Alliance of Reformed Churches," whose object shall be "the peace of the Churches; the distribution of mission work; the combination of church energies, especially in reference to cities and destitute districts; the religious instruction of the young; the sanctification of the Sabbath; the suppression of intemperance and other great prevailing vices; systematic beneficence, and the overthrow of infidelity and Romanism." The Conference met in Regent Square Church, London. It was attended by leading ministers of all the Presbyterian Churches, and the result has been that a "Constitution" has been adopted, and arrangements have been made for future action.

A PANIC.—At one of the London services there was an alarming panic owing to the overcrowding. Many ladies fainted, but no serious injury was suffered by any one.

"SHIELDSDAIG."—The Congregation of Shieldsdaig were kept without a site for a church from the disruption of 1843 till this year—32 years. They have now a site, and a church will be built before winter.

ARRANGEMENTS are being made for an important change in the United Presbyterian Hall, Edinburgh. In future the session will last five and a half months, and the course will consist of three sessions.

DR. GUTHRIE.—The second and concluding volume of Dr. Guthrie's Memoir is now published. It is extremely interesting. Preachers and people can learn much from such books.

THE "College of New Jersey, Princeton," has conferred the degree of DOCTOR OF DIVINITY on Rev. George Patterson. We congratulate Dr. Patterson upon this recognition of his attainments and work.

REVEREND.—An English ecclesiastical Judge has decided that, according to law, Wesleyan ministers, being Schismatics, are not entitled to prefix "Reverend" to their names. The decision has been severely condemned by the *Times*, and by many clergymen of the Church of England.

INTERCOMMUNION.—High legal authorities have decided that according to the present state of the English law it is illegal for an English Church minister to attend, or take part in worship with any other body of Christians, or in any unconsecrated place! It is time such superstitious rubbish were swept out of the way.

THE Eminent Evangelist, Mr. Moody, leaves England for the United States on the 4th of this month. His labors in England, Scotland and Ireland have been wonderfully blessed by the Head of the Church. Not the least valuable result of his visit has been the stirring up of the churches to greater zeal in the Master's work.

FREE CHURCH FOREIGN MISSIONS.—The income for last year was £58,880. There are 278 Christian agents employed under the direction of the Committee, of whom 28 are ordained Europeans, and 250 ordained native ministers. Attached to various stations are 2387 communicants and nearly 2000 baptized adherents. Two hundred and thirty-five have been baptized or admitted on profession, during the past year. And there are 11,303 pupils under instruction, of whom 3390 are girls. Mr. Duff addressed the the Assembly, and in the course of his remarks referred particularly to the new mission to be commenced on Lake Nyassa. He said the whole expedition had been organized thoroughly, and a staff of very remarkable men secured—remarkable, because they were all evidently endowed by the Spirit of God with great zeal and energy, and many special professional qualifications. There were eight of them, and he was sure it was the most notable mission staff that had ever been sent forth from Scotland.