

in India, and since then in Scotland and England, and it has been repeated in America, that missionary enterprise has been a failure. My presence among you on this occasion gives the lie to that rumour. Instead of its being a failure, it has been a grand and unequivocal success—a success not merely in my isolated case, but in hundreds of thousands of instances in my own land."

Dr. Chistlieb, of Bonn University, who spoke in English, as did all the other foreign delegates, said: "I feel in speaking to you in your own tongue, like David when he tried to march in the armour of Saul. Let us all pray for unity; and I am glad to see, as the first fruit of this gathering, that we Germans can forget our nationality and clasp hands with our French brethren. (The speaker here advanced and warmly shook hands with Doctor Fisch, of Paris, the whole audience meanwhile rising to their feet and cheering again and again.) I echo the wish of the first speaker, that we all are children of one faith and brothers; and let this union grow and continue to grow, until the whole earth is laid down at the feet of our Lord, and is full of the glory of God."

On Friday, October the 3rd, the Alliance was formally organized by the election of the Rev. T. D. Woolsey, LL.D., as president. What is in a name? A lady present at one of the meetings asked a gentleman if that was Cardinal Woolsey? The president, in his opening address, said: "We are here because we believe in the communion of saints. We believe in one great universal Church, that has lasted through all time until now, and which is to last until the end of all things. To quote a verse from the most beautiful hymn of Bishop Coxe:

"Where are the Kings and Emperors now
Of old, that went and came?
Yet, Lord, thy Church is praying now
A thousand years the same."

Yes, gentlemen, the Church is praying yet, notwithstanding that the inefficiency of prayer has been demonstrated by science. As long as there is a Christian in the world his instinct will be to pray, in spite of all logical conclusions. Then, too, we believe in the diffusiveness of the Gospel. A German antiquary once said that in the time when Germany was invaded by the Romans, a squirrel could leap from tree to tree, from the Rhine to the Elbe. So a man here two hundred and fifty years ago might almost leap from the Hudson to San Francisco. Now, what do we see—40,000 and more churches of Christ in these 250 years established—and here we are with the great problem before us of planting the institutions of religion fast enough to meet the growing population that is hurrying forward to the West."

The Dean of Canterbury, the Very Rev. R. Payne Smith, D.D., then read a cordial communication from the Archbishop of Canterbury to the members of the Alliance.

M. Prochet, the eloquent Waldensian, described the condition of things in Italy, as one to excite hope and solicitude. The priests of Rome are at once bigoted and base—no reformation is to be looked for through them. Italy has no Dollinger and no Père Hyacinthe. There are great masses of people who are ignorant and earnest fanatics. Then there is an enormous proportion, of the population who, nominally Catholic, really belong to the religion of "I don't care." The influence of the free-thinkers is rapidly pervading the masses. The Protestant element is small, but earnest. We have in Italy 17,000,000 who cannot read. The next generation will reduce it to 8,000,000. But what will those read, who are learning to read? Our great need is of a Christian literature.

Dr. Tholuck prepared a paper which he was unable to present in person. It was read by Mr. Witte, and was largely autobiographical, mingling with his own reminiscences of the past, a critical statement of the progress of religious affairs. It closed with rather a sombre view of the influence of the late war upon true religion; the new epoch proving itself to be "an ever-proceeding dissolution of positive faith and Christian interest; and this throughout the whole of Germany."

On Saturday, October 4th, Dr. Charles Hodge delivered an address on Union