

PROJECTED GENERAL CONFERENCE OF CHRISTIANS OF ALL LANDS IN 1866.—The Foreign Secretary has been requested by the Committee to visit Holland, to confer with Christian friends in that country relative to the next General Conference of the Alliance, which, it is hoped, will be held in one of the cities of Holland in 1866.—*Evangelical Alliance Intelligencer.*

Poetry.

HONOURS.

O God, O kinsman loved, but not enough !
 O man with eyes majestic after death,
 Whose feet have toiled along our pathways rough,
 Whose lips drew human breath !

By that one likeness which is ours and thine,
 By that one nature which doth hold us kin,
 By that high heaven where, sinless, thou dost shine
 To draw us sinners in.

By Thy last silence in the judgment-hall,
 By long foreknowledge of the deadly tree,
 By darkness, by the wormwood and the gall,
 I pray Thee visit me.

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 And deign, O Watcher, with the sleepless brow,
 Pathetic in its yearning—deign reply :
 Is there, O is there aught that such as Thou
 Wouldst take from such as I ?

Are there no briars across Thy pathway thrust,
 Are there no thorns that compass it about ?
 Nor any stones that Thou wilt deign to trust
 My hands to gather out ?

O if Thou wilt, and if such bliss might be,
 It were a cure for doubt, regret, delay—
 Let my lost pathway go—what aileth me ?—
 There is a better way.

What though unmarked the happy workman toil,
 And break, unthanked of man, the stubborn clod ?
 It is enough, for sacred is the soil,
 Dear are the hills of God.

Far better in its place the lowliest bird
 Should sing aright to him the lowliest song,
 Than that a seraph strayed should take the word,
 And sing His glory wrong.

JEAN INGELOW.

VERACITY.—The groundwork of all manly character is veracity. This virtue lies at the foundation of everything solid. How common is it to hear parents say "I have faith in my child so long as he speaks the truth, He may have many faults, but I know he will not deceive me. I build on that confidence." They are right. It is lawful and just ground to build upon. And that is a beautiful confidence.