

Church, without alienating the unbeliever by ridicule or abuse. Dr. Gladden's paper on Capital and Labour is a thoughtful one. He and the Canadian laymen, Messrs. Macdonald and Hague, see the vessels of gold and silver, of wood and earth here below, and find that vital Christianity with diligence constitutes no mean philosopher's stone for the transmutation of the lower to the higher in certain cases, but look in vain for any other influence to effect a general transformation. The Sabbath, Temperance, and the Right Kind of Immigration, have excellent advocates in Dr. John Hall, Bishop Fallowes, and Dr. Robertson of the Northwest. Drs. Strong and Russell of New York, and Dr. Potts of Toronto, believe in Christian Co-operation, as do all evangelical Christians in theory, but when it comes to practice what is the result? The less scrupulous evangelical devours his honourable brother, as Pharaoh's lean and hungry kine made short work of the fat cattle. Where do union churches and Sunday schools go to, all over Canada? Built mainly with Presbyterian money, filled mainly with Presbyterian worshippers and children, how many of them become Presbyterian or remain Union? Come, come, Mr. Talks about Books, this is uncharitable, not at all an Evangelical Alliance spirit; you should not sow discord among brethren: Like the generally silent members of the House of Commons, I only ask a question for information. We Presbyterians are a gullible and long-suffering people, as the financial statements of the Conference Meeting would probably show. I do not say this in condemnation but in praise; better a thousandfold the confiding, honest, generous nature that in good faith yields the fleece, than the Jason who corrupts Medea and carries it away.

Foreign Missions were represented at the Conference by Dr. Macpherson of Chicago and by two missionaries, Mr. Wilkie of our own Church, and Mr. Burgess, a Wesleyan, also from India. Their words were encouraging, and included a virtual recommendation to Canon Isaac Taylor to go back to the History of the Alphabet, to Etruscan researches, Words and Places, and other things he knows more about than he does about Christian Missions. Dr. Burns of Halifax appeared here and again, always bright, cheery and optimistic, holding out both arms to hail the good time coming; but the reporter could not by any trick of stenography transfer to paper the eloquence of smiles, shouts, pauses and *hums*. All the papers and addresses on Romanism are useful, but it is not invidious even in a colleague to say that for accurate, well arranged and substantial information that of Principal MacVicar is the masterpiece. It has attracted the attention of the so-called legislators who administer the Province at Quebec in the interests of the Romish hierarchy, and has given them a painful sense that the Protestants know too much about the Canadian estate of the imprisoned bishop of Rome. Let everybody visit Messrs. Drysdale's or send to them for a copy of *Vital Questions*, and, after having read it, put it carefully away