

THE PRESBYTERIAN ALLIANCE.

Reference is made on another page to the great Missionary conference held recently in London, in commemoration of the Centenary of Protestant Missions. Another meeting of deep interest to Presbyterians was held shortly afterward at the same place, viz., "The Presbyterian Council" or the "Alliance of the Reformed Churches holding the Presbyterian System."

Its sessions extended over 9 days, July 4-12, and discussions covered a wide range of subjects, connected with the life and work of the church. "How best to work the Presbyterian System"; "The Eldership and Deaconship"; "Working the Presbyterian System so as to promote co-operation and foster activity, harmony, and spiritual life in congregations"; "Elements of Congregational Prosperity"; "The duty of the church in reference to the speculative tendencies of the age"; "Historical research and Christian faith"; "Modern forms of Unbelief". Then going abroad, much of careful attention was given to the best method of securing unity and co-operation in the work of evangelizing the world.

WHAT CAN I DO TO-DAY?

What can I do to-day?
Not praise to win, or glory to attain;
Not gold, or ease, or power, or love to gain.
Or pleasure gay;
But to impart
Joy to some stricken heart,
To send a heaven-born ray
Of hope, some sad, despairing
Soul to cheer—
To lift some weighing doubt,
Make truth more clear,
Dispel some dwarfing fear,
To lull some pain,
Bring to the fold again,
Some lamb astray;
To brighten life for some one,
Now and here,
This let me do to-day.

—A. R. W.

The Queen of Tahiti lately died at seventy years of age. At her birth not one Christian convert had been made in the South Sea Islands. At her death more than three hundred islands were wholly evangelized. This has been largely the work of natives.

There are thousands of towns and cities in India and China with a population ranging from 5,000 upward, accessible to Christian Life, that never have had a single missionary to tell them of the way of life. If the human family are properly divided, male and female, there are 500,000,000 of women and girls who have never had a chance to hear the name of Jesus. In unbroken procession, one by one, they would, in passing your door consume thirty successive years.—*Missionary Review*.

"The progress of the Presbyterian Church in Victoria, during the past fifty years, has been very great. Taking in the whole of Australasia, we are told that there are 571 Presbyterian ministers, 672 charges, and 51 Presbyteries—all within the past fifty years. The other Protestant churches have also increased with great rapidity."

It is the purpose of the Free Church of Scotland before the year 1893, the fiftieth anniversary of the Disruption, comes, to pay the entire indebtedness on its churches. Four years ago the indebtedness was \$1,345,000. Of this more than \$750,000 have been paid. The means of completion of the fund are in sight.

Dr. Chamberlain's scheme for a united Presbyterian church in India, the thirteen Presbyterian and Reformed bodies represented in the empire uniting in one General Assembly, has been favorably received in Scotland.

The receipts of the American Tract Society have been equal to \$900 for every business day since its organization, and those of the American Bible Society average over \$1,000 per day for all its history.

"It is the great duty of Christians to take care that they offend not with their lips; and that they improve discourse and converse as much as may be, for the good of others."

"Let the soul which God breathed into us breathe after Him; and let it be for Him, since it is from Him."

The *Baptist Missionary* says: "When the Moravian church had but 600 members, it began to send out foreign missionaries."