

of Protestantism. Rev. James Bennet read a paper on "Creation and Evolution" which grappled most successfully with the popular infidel theories of the day. It was closely reasoned and indicated a thorough acquaintance with the literature of the subject.

Numerous other papers of great merit were read, to deeply interested audiences. The Conference breathed a spirit of love and Christian forbearance from its opening to its close. The Lord's Supper was celebrated on Sunday afternoon in one of the Presbyterian Churches, and there were present taking part in the services, not merely Presbyterians of different shades, but Episcopalians, Methodists and Independents. Nothing occurred from the opening till the close of the Conference that was at all inconsistent with the objects and the spirits of the gathering. We were glad to see so many Presbyterians present; and we should rejoice were other churches equally represented. The evening meetings were all of a popular character. At one of these, our Missionary, Rev. John Morton, gave a brief account of the Mission in Trinidad.

We congratulate the Evangelical Alliance upon the success of its first Conference in the Dominion, and we hope that this is but the beginning of many such assemblies where God's people of every name may meet together to consult concerning the interests of His Kingdom.

OUR FOREIGN MISSIONS.

We have received an interesting letter from Rev. Dr. Steele after his return to Sydney from the New Hebrides, which must be kept till next number. Mr. Anand's communication appears as promised, thus giving in this and the preceding numbers, papers from all the New Hebridean Missionaries.

We must again remind the whole Church that the time for remitting the Salaries of our Brethren is nigh, and early and special exertions will be absolutely necessary to fulfil our engagements. We trust that the gravity of the situation will

be duly considered by the ministers, as they can most easily move to prompt action the Missionary Committees or Sessions it may be, to whom this business is delegated. Six Hundred and Fifty Pounds Sterling were voted by the Board at last meeting, and all has yet to be received. Is there not cause for instant effort?

SUSTENTATION FUND

The Committee of Synod having under consideration the matter of a Sustentation Fund, have advised that in the prospect of early union, no change in our mode of helping the weaker congregations to be made at present; but have recommended that the supplementing movement should be prosecuted with increased energy. This recommendation was heartily indorsed by the Synod at its late meeting. Simultaneously with our efforts for payment in advance of the salaries of the Foreign Missionaries, there must be a determination equally resolute to liquidate at the New Year, our dues to the workmen on our own soil, to whom the Synod has pledged its promise of payment. To accomplish this, the Synod recommends the 15th December as the date when all contributions should be forwarded.

HOME MISSIONS.

Our Home Missions field awakens our anxiety. We have only four Probationers. They cannot more than half supply our vacancies, and as the catechists have all returned to complete their theological Education, our out-stations are left entirely destitute of regular supply. Those who wish to know where these stations are, and what is their actual condition, may find some information in our Home Mission columns. We publish reports from three of these missionary districts, two in New Brunswick and one in Digby County, N. S. These have all been supplied by Students of the Presbyterian Church of the United States, from New York and Princeton Seminaries, and have all proved them-