

practice of prayers for the dead, invocation of saints, the merit of good works, and other false doctrines and devices, it is immeasurably behind Dr. Dollinger and his friends. But why the willingness and desire to fraternize with these bodies on the part of such men as Dean Howson and Canon Liddon, who, although High Churchmen, have been regarded as tolerably sound in the faith; and why should they travel all the way to Germany to seek such a union, while the Nonconformists at their very doors are not offered even a friendly communion and co-operation? But lo! the reason leaks out at the Conference itself. The Old Catholic and Greek Churches have prelatical orders! of which poor English Nonconformity is destitute. And thus the figment of apostolic succession, false and foolish in itself, "covers a multitude of sins." How much better to plant themselves on the basis of holy Scripture alone, with Christ as their head, to throw tradition and antiquity to the winds, to cultivate a diviner charity and a burning zeal for souls, and under the baptism of the Spirit go out to work for God, and vindicate in this way their right to a place among the tribes of Israel, than to try and patch up a three-cornered union between Churches which, if thrown into one, would retard the progress of each and all towards the truth.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The recent important meeting of the Canadian Branch of the Evangelical Alliance held in Montreal, was a beautiful evidence of the manner in which the various denominations are drawing more closely toward each other. The value of this evidence is increased by the fact that the "Alliance" was convened in the metropolis of the Papacy of this Dominion. Those stirring addresses, and that magnificent scene witnessed in St. Paul's Church, when Episcopalians, Methodists, Congregationalists, Presbyterians, and Baptists sat down together as the children of one family at the Lord's Table, must go far towards rebuking the assertion so often made by Romanists, that Protestants are sadly divided amongst themselves, while the Papacy is a unit. There was a far greater harmony amongst the parties represented at the Alliance than can be found amongst the various orders of Romanism on this continent. It is, moreover, exceedingly re-