

You know well that these sentiments were mine, when we formed for French Switzerland a Division of the Evangelical Alliance. I proposed an Amendment, which would enable the Alliance to embrace, as far as possible, all the children of God ; so that there might be no exclusion on the part of men, and that exclusion should come from God only. I desired that the Alliance should extend to "all Christians, who profess to found all their salvation upon God our Father, in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, sacrificed for their sins,—and who believe that none can have eternal life, that is not born again." This faith is, I believe, essential to a Christian ; but I do not consider it necessary to *define* beyond this. Churches should be far more precise in their confession of faith. But the Evangelical Alliance is an alliance of Christians, not of Churches. It cannot properly put without any whom God has put within.

Suffer me to relate an episode from one of my tours in Switzerland. In 1846, after the Evangelical Alliance had closed its sittings in London, I left the baths of A'bisbrun, and went into the Grisons to see some friends. On the steamboat of the lake of Zurich, I found myself in the midst of a crowd of strangers ; but I soon noticed two persons, whom I took to be Quakers. I believed that there would be, doubtless, between them and me some points of friendly relation. I addressed them, and soon found in them two Christians,—sincere, enlightened, lovely. We travelled together two or three days, and we enjoyed all that time true Christian union. I remember well the moment of our parting. We were on the mountain, not far from the ancient and beautiful convent of Pfeffers. To the right, the path descended towards the Grisons, and the Via Mala. To the left, a road opened towards the Tyrol. My

course was along the first ; my friends were to take the other. We were in the deep gully of a ravine. A mountain stream, falling behind us, crossed our road, and then made a second fall immediately below. Some boulders of rock, rolled together without order, formed a sort of bridge. We were seated on these stones : one of these friends, who had been an advocate, and was now a minister in his community, grasped my hand at the moment when we were about to part, and, without saying a word, knelt down on one of the fragments of rock. I knelt down beside him. After some moments of profound silence, during which no sound was heard but the calm and majestic fall of the waters, my friend began to pour forth his soul unto God. He prayed for me as if he had been one of my oldest friends, or my own brother. I had unfolded to him some of the wounds of my own heart : he asked the Lord to heal them. I have seldom enjoyed an hour of such entire Christian union. We rose, and parted. I passed rapidly down the mountain on the side of Crettigon, following the guide who carried my bag. Strange ! I said ; these friends, these brothers, with whom I have had such sweet union, could not have shared in the Evangelical Alliance of London ! From that moment the desire which I have ever cherished, that the Alliance should enlarge its Basis, became stronger with me.

You know that all our friends in French Switzerland entertain, without exception, the same opinion with myself. In the meetings which we have held, whether at Geneva or Lausanne, to form a Division of the Alliance, all present have expressed their joy at the notion of an expansion of the Basis. Some have said, they would only enter it on this condition ; although there was nothing in the present articles contrary to