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"One is your master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren."

The Topic for the Month,

Much that was prepared for this number of the *Tribune* is reserved for the next, in order to make room for the whole of the proceedings of the late Conference of the British Branch of the Evangelical Alliance, as reported for the *Christian Times*. The resolutions and addresses fill fourteen closely printed columns, every paragraph of which seems so adapted to the purposes of the *Gospel Tribune* as to admit of neither rejection nor abridgment.

Let all those, who have so repeatedly of late, pronounced the Alliance a failure, read this record of these proceedings with becoming attention, that they may understand the vast importance of the organization as viewed in the light of what it has already accomplished; and then, from the stand-point they shall have gained, let them look forward over the lines of the Society's contemplated operations, and, in the arms of a living faith, as generous as the past should inspire, let them struggle to grasp the unmeasured blessings which the Evangelical Alliance is evidently destined to confer on the world in giving the church that visible Unity and consequent energy and power, which shall yet, render her triumphant in bringing back to God a revolted world.

EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE—ANNUAL CONFERENCE.

The proceedings of the Eighth Annual Conference of the British Organisation of the Evangelical Alliance were commenced on Monday evening, in Freemasons' Hall, by a

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at which a considerable number of the members and friends assembled.

After tea and coffee had been served in an adjoining room, the chair was taken by JOHN CONDEROX, Esq.

The meeting having been opened by the singing of the 578th hymn, of Bickersteth's Psalmody, the Rev. JOSEPH FISHER read the 14th Psalm, and engaged in prayer.

The CHAIRMAN then addressed the assembly. He said he wished he could realise the conviction, that

this was a family gathering, feeling assured that if he occupied a less distinguished position there would be no difficulty on his part, and he would enjoy, as he trusted every one present would enjoy, the holy festivity which was now about to be realised. He judged that there was pervading the meeting but one feeling, which had already found frequent utterance—a feeling of gratitude at their being permitted to meet together to offer their mutual congratulations, and to look back on the past with grateful remembrances of God's mercies. There was a special cause for thankfulness, that amid the vicissitudes and changes attendant on everything human, the Evangelical Alliance still existed; and although they had to mourn the loss of some of the most distinguished members, who had been removed by death to a better world yet it was a matter of rejoicing that they had met together on the present occasion, and found the Alliance in the enjoyment of so much health and vigour as he trusted the presence of so many indicated. The object of the Alliance had been to a very great degree realised. God's blessing evidently rested on its efforts, which had been employed in a variety of ways. If it had merely contemplated the bringing together of Christians of various denominations, for the simple purpose of offering to each other the right hand of fellowship, and engaging with each other in devotional exercises, he should consider that it had not been formed in vain; but the Alliance had contemplated other designs which had been carried out to a very pleasing extent. It had declared to the world, both by precept and example, that the disciples of Christ are one, having one Lord, one faith one baptism. It had also shown the power of Christian sympathy, and demonstrated the value of united action on behalf of the truth, by its opposition to the two great evils of this world at the present moment—Popery and infidelity. (Hear, hear.) The Alliance, moreover, had greatly served the Church of Christ in its publications and lectures, and especially by the issue of *Evangelical Christendom*. (Hear, hear.) In distant lands, too, its power had been felt; and many a soldier of the Cross had been enabled to fight the battles of his Lord more manfully than he could have done without the conviction that he had many sympathising brethren in this land of Britain. (Hear, hear.) If they felt desirous of promoting the interests of Zion, and seeing her converts multiplied—of serving Christianity, and furthering their own spiritual interests—"let brotherly love continue."

The Rev. J. GLANVILLE, of Kingswood, rose for the purpose of expressing his unabated attachment to the Evangelical Alliance, his very full confidence in it