

Thursday witnessed the formation of a Dominion Evangelical Alliance, with Senator Macdonald as its President. An admirable speech was given on Thursday evening by Dr. Macpherson, Chicago, on the Home Benefits of Foreign Missions. He showed how much we owe to Christian Missions, commercially, scientifically, geographically, linguistically, etc., etc. and called upon people in Christian lands to pay what they owe to missions for temporal as well as spiritual reasons. We must omit regretfully some things for lack of space which occurred other than what we have chronicled. We have, however, set forth the more salient features of the conference. One or two observations suggested by it we make before we close.

1. It shows that a varied and important work requires to be done by Christian men, and that it invites the co-operation of Christians of all branches of the Church. Only Christian men will do it; mere politicians never.

2. It requires to be done inter-denominationally. No one branch of the Church can do it. Organic union of all branches of the Christian Church may be neither possible nor desirable. Should it come, however, it must be a growth. We must become acquainted with and assimilated to each other in character and in spirit before we are ripe for corporate action such as Church union.

3. Conferences like that in Montreal are the only genuine herald of organic union among the various Christian denominations. It is so, because it both announces and develops good-will to each other as members of Christ's mystical body. Grievous suspicions have darkened some minds about the sincerity of certain men in their advocacy in their own Church court of organic union for all branches of the Church, who are conspicuous by their absence, or at least obscurity, in all inter-denominational gatherings. Such advocacy, it has been surmised, has been instituted to conciliate the catholic desires of so many within their own folds. "That! and nothing more!" Such suspicions are not lessened when one thinks of certain absentees from the Montreal platform at the late conference. "Brethren, let us not love in word and in tongue, but in deed and in truth."