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"IF I FORGET THEE, O JERUSALEM! LET MY RIGHT HAND FORGET ITS CUNNING."—PS. 137: 5

### THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE IN NEW YORK.

The great event of last month was the conference of the Evangelical Alliance in New York. Never before were so many distinguished men gathered together in one city of the New World; and well did the capital of the Empire State receive them. The hospitality was simply magnificent in scale and kind. True there was a *soup-con* national self-consciousness about the invitations that detracted somewhat from their beauty; a sort of exultant undertone to the effect, "are we not doing this thing well, and are not those foreigners as much amazed at the propositions of our liberality as at the big-gness of our country?" The glow on the faces and the clapping of hands when English dele-gates like Dr. Stoughton laid large tribute at the feet of the Republic cannot be de-scribed; and it was simply refreshing to hear Henry Ward Beecher at the Brooklyn meeting dilate for half an hour on the ad-vantages of seeing a really free country, where the motto of sects was "live and let live," and where the people though free were almost unanimously resolved to pay the national creditor. But these little incidents were pardonable flappings of the wings of the eagle, and did not detract from the es-sential grandeur of the Conference.

Some of the eminent men who were ex-pected did not come. Pressense's political duties detained him, and Count Bernstorff was sick. The unexpected extension of his Geneva work prevented Père Hyacinthe, and the Cholera kept the German Old Catholics at their posts. Dr. Cairns, Tischendorf, Van Oosterzee, and Monod sent apologies. But enough came to make the gathering noteworthy as well as e u-menical. Representative men from every Protestant country, from the Protestant minorities in Roman Catholic countries, and from the missionaries to heathendom and their converts assembled, all of one heart and one mind; some of them well known as authors, others known only as workers, but whose massive heads and thoughtful words showed that they would have achieved fame on earth had not love to Christ and devotion to His work killed ambition in their souls. A large propor-tion of the greatest men present belonged to the United States—men like Hodge, Mc-Cosh, Guyot, Woolsey, Noah Porter, Hovey, Schaff, Beecher, and others. In fact, the gathering would have been the grandest of its kind ever seen in America had not a single European or Canadian delegate been present; for each of the great denomina-