

exchanged for learned homilies which they cannot so well understand. A greater mistake could not be made than to think our Christianity is to become dearer to the hearts of the people by higher sacramental views, a higher official status of our priests, or an elaborate æsthetic and symbolic mode of worship."

The question is a very simple one. Is it possible for a bit of velvet or a whiff of smoke to make a man religious?

**PRESBYTERIAN ORGANS.**—The United Presbyterian Synod in England have adopted a resolution, after an earnest debate, allowing their congregations to use organs. The advocates of instrumental music declared that they were in great danger of losing their young people, and that they would repel Englishmen from their services unless they conformed to the customs of the country. The Moderator himself, Dr. McKerrow, plainly intimated that, with or without leave, his congregation (at Manchester) could not be any longer restrained from adopting the "box o' whistles." Others feared that it would lead to alienation from Scotland, chanting, liturgies, ritualism and Romanism.

**THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE** held its Annual Meeting this year in Bath, the contemplated assemblage at Amsterdam having been frustrated by the cholera. The Rector of Bath, Rev. C. Kemble, compiler of a well-known hymn book, took a prominent part in the proceedings. Representatives of the Continental and American Churches were present. The Alliance has effected something in bringing Christians of different bodies together, and abating sectarian bitterness, but far less than was anticipated at its formation. It has, however, rendered most effective service in the cause of religious liberty abroad, and has had the hearty coöperation of the British Government in its appeals on behalf of the victims of religious persecution. At this meeting Dr. McCosh gave an interesting account of the movement to organize, or re-organize, a Branch of the Alliance in the United States. A very interesting fact reported was, that the Imperial Commission for the Paris Exhibition of 1867 had granted the Alliance a hall for their meetings, and had also given permission for the erection of another for preaching and conference. Complaint is made by a friendly critic of the excessive length of some of the papers, speeches and prayers; and the American plan of enforcing a limitation of time is recommended.

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### MISSIONARY MEETINGS, 1866-7. WESTERN DISTRICT.

The following is the programme for this District:

Burford .....	Dec. 10, Monday	} Revs. W. Clarke, R. Brown, Armour, Hay.
Scotland .....	" 11, Tuesday	
Kelvin.....	" 12, Wednes.	
New Durham	" 13, Thursd.	
Norwichville	" 14, Friday	
Kelvin & N. } Durham.... }	" 16, Sabbath,	Rev. R. Brown.
Guelph .....	" 17, Monday	} Revs. C. Duff, W. F. Clarke, R. Brown, Wood.
Erafraxa .....	" 18, Tuesday	
Garafraxa ...	" 19, Wednes.	
Green Settlt	" 20, Thursd.	