

the Rev. Dr. McKerrow, Moderator. A report was given in by Dr. Edmond, of London, on the state of religion in the congregations. The reports from congregations had not been very numerous. The general complexion of the answers was not favourable, while there were still some very encouraging exceptions. Intemperance and Sabbath desecration were mentioned as great hindrances to strict godliness. A deputation from the English Presbyterian Church, appeared, consisting of Rev. J. Paterson, of Liverpool; and, Rev. J. Miller Ross, of Ancoats, who addressed the Synod, and received a very hearty welcome. Papers were read and addresses delivered on important topics, the Rev. Dr. King giving an address on the present position of the Union question, and Dr. Cairns one on "Sacramentarianism." The subjects of instrumental music, and the present inadequate supply of students for the Divinity Hall, also engaged the attention of Synod. On the former question, a motion was agreed to, to the effect that the use of instrumental music should be an open question for individual churches, to be settled by them in accordance with constitutional regulations. On the subject of the inadequate supply of students, it was agreed to appoint a committee to gather up the

various suggestions made, or that might be made, to consider the whole subject, and report at next meeting of Synod; and that, in the meantime, ministers should be instructed to direct attention to the subject, and use all proper means to encourage young men to devote themselves to the ministry.

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Synod should be at Berwick, and that Dr. Cairns should be Moderator.

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The twentieth Annual Conference of the Evangelical Alliance was held at Bath, beginning on the 16th Oct., when the inaugural address was delivered by Capt. Marsh. The attendance was large and influential. The report was deeply interesting, and able papers were read on several important subjects. The Rev. Dr. McCosh delivered an able address, in the course of which he gave an account of the formation of an American branch of the Alliance. The Earl of Cavan presided at the closing meeting. The Alliance recommended the following as topics suitable for exhortation and intercession, in the successive days of the Week of Prayer, at the commencement of the new year:—

Sunday, Jan. 6.—Sermons on the Presence of Christ with His Universal Church.

Monday, Jan. 7.—Thanksgiving and Confession of Sin.

Tuesday, Jan. 8.—Prayer for Nations; for "kings, and all in authority;" for the increase of righteousness, the prevalence of peace, and the holy observance of the Sabbath.

Wednesday, Jan. 9.—Prayer for the success of missions among Jews and Gentiles, and for a Divine blessing to accompany the efforts to evangelize the unconverted of all lands and classes.

Thursday, Jan. 10.—Prayer for all who have suffered from the recent wars; for our brethren emancipated from slavery, and for our fellow Christians persecuted for the gospel's sake.

Friday, Jan. 11.—Prayer for Christian families, for schools, colleges, and universities.

Saturday, Jan. 12.—Prayer for the Catholic Church, for all ministers of the gospel, and for the increase of holiness, fidelity, and Christian charity among its members.