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### Moments of Organizations.

From the News of the Churches.

#### ALLIANCE CONFERENCE IN PARIS.

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PARIS, September 18, 1855.

In the evening, Sweden and Denmark were the order of the day. Captain Berger, President of the Evangelical Alliance at Stockholm, took the chair. Two reports were read, one on Sweden by Dr. C. Bergman, and another on Denmark by the Rev. C. H. Kalker, of Copenhagen. In the first, allusion was made to the persecution raised against the Bible-readers by the Lutheran government and Lutheran clergy. This caused a Swede Lutheran pastor, whose name I did not catch, to rise and enter his protest, declaring that the Independent Bible-readers were far more narrow-minded in their views, and tyrannical in their stand against the clergy than were the clergy against them. It is pleasing to hear that the curse of war has brought a blessing on the Aland Isles. Soon after the capture of Bomarsund, a pious young man was sent there to awaken the inhabitants from their lifeless state; and during the nine weeks he was able to preach, a vast number of them were brought to Christ. News of this at length reached Russia, and it was determined to put a stop to his efforts. But the Lord prevented our brother from being taken, by the arrival of a steam frigate, the English commander of which forbade the meetings being hindered. But when the last vessel had again disappeared, a Russian commissary was sent to arrest him, and at eleven at night entered a peasant's house where a meeting had been held. The commissary's postillion, gained to Christ, left the officer, who had no other means of conveyance, and our brother had time to escape back to Sweden. But the work is done, and remains firm and vigorous.

#### EVANGELICAL MISSIONS.

The subject of missions was too interesting and important to be passed over by the Conference. It was therefore taken up on Wednesday morning,—Dr. Macleod, of New York, in the chair. The report, prepared by Dr. Barth, was read by Pastor Vallette. It

abounded in facts and statistics concerning the principal Protestant missionary societies in the world, and their progress during the last year.

Professor Sardinony, of Montauban, read a paper in which he suggested that the Alliance should begin to do something, and turn its attention toward the evangelization of the East.

Mr. Lauga, a returned missionary of the Paris society from South Africa, gave some details on the country of the Buchuanas and the Bassoutos.

The Rev. Dr. Duff of India, although laboring under severs in disposition, spoke with an extraordinary earnestness. He alluded to the insignificance of the missionary operations at present undertaken by the Christian world in comparison with its ability and its resources. He said it filled him with something like horror to find that the incomes of several missionary societies had diminished, in consequence of the war, and dearth of provisions. "Where are the men," he asked, "who have made personal sacrifices rather than diminish aught of their offerings to the cause of God? It is a burning disgrace to the profession of Christianity, that when times of comparative scarcity and dearth come, Christians commence the reduction of their expenditure by withholding their contributions from the cause of the gospel, leaving their luxuries and their vanities untouched and undiminished."

The Rev. Mr. Pearse spoke on China and on the results of Gutzlaff's visit to Europe.

Sir Culling E. Eardley, Dr. Grandpierre, and others, also addressed the meeting.

#### SWITZERLAND.

In the evening, Count de St George, of Geneva, presided, and introduced the subject of Switzerland. The report was read by Pastor Guder, of Bienne, and speeches delivered by Pastor Barde, of Geneva, Pastor Legrand, of Basle, Mr. A. Naville, President of the Evangelical Alliance in Geneva, and others. I am unable to enter into any particulars, not having been present.

#### THE JEWS.

The Jews received their due share of attention on Thursday morning, when the Chapel Taitbout presented rather a peculiar appearance, from the number of Hebrew faces on the platform and amongst the