

Jeats could hardly have been unexpected. He was well advanced in years, though not an aged man. His influence in Scotland for the last forty years has been very great. There has been probably no abler church-leader or debater in this or any other age. He never knew defeat. As in the case of the Union movement in Scotland, he knew how to snatch moral victory from the very depths of disaster. He has left his mark indelibly on the history of his native land. A man of blameless orthodoxy, he yet widened very noticeably the borders of theological speculation. His work on the Fatherhood of God is wonderfully original and suggestive, and deserving of a higher place in Calvinistic theology than has yet been accorded to it. His publications are numerous and admirable; but it was as a leader of men that he was most noted.

The ranks of the Disruption leaders are becoming sadly thinned. Chalmers and Cunningham and Gordon, Welsh, and James Buchanan and Hugh Miller and Thomas Guthrie, all gone. And now Robert S. Candlish must be added to the sad master roll.

### THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The Sixth General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance was held in New York, last month. The Conference was opened on Thursday, the 2nd day of Oct., and came to an end ten days afterwards. It was an occasion of the most profound interest. New York was stirred to its heart; and the feeling extended more or less over the whole Continent. The most sanguine friends and promoters of the Conference did not anticipate so magnificent a result. For ten successive days, the interest was not merely sustained, but gradually intensified to a climax. The last meetings were held in the four largest Halls in America, and these were incapable of accommodating one half of the people that thronged for admission.

We can give the best idea of the proceedings in the briefest space by reproducing the programme in its completeness:

THURSDAY EVENING, OCT. 2ND.

Social Re-union of Members and Invited Guests, Hon. William E. Dodge presiding, in the Young Men's Christian Association Hall, corner of Fourth Avenue and Twenty-third Street.

Address of Welcome, by Rev. William Adams, D.D., LL.D., New York, and Replies by Delegates of various Branches of the Alliance.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD.

Organization of the Conference in Steinway Hall, 14th Street, at 10 o'clock a.m.  
I. Chair taken by the President of the United States Alliance

II. Reception of Delegates.

III. Election of Officers and Adoption of Rules.

IV. Address by the President of the Conference.

V. Reports on the Present State of Religion in various parts of Christendom.—Rev. A. Decoppet, D.D., Paris: State of Religion in France. Professor A. Tholuck, D.D., Halle: Evangelical Theology in Germany. Rev. A. Krummacker, Brandenburg: Germany. Rev. M. Cohen Stuart, Rotterdam: Holland, Rev. Matteo Prochet, Genoa: Italy. Rev. E. Reichel, Montuireil: Switzerland. Rev. Antonio Carrasco, Madrid: Evangelization in Spain. Rev. Dr. Kalkar, Copenhagen: Scandinavia. Rev. Erik Nystroem, Ph. D., Stockholm: Sweden.

SATURDAY, OCT. 4TH.

Devotional Services in the Madison Square Church at 9 o'clock a.m., to continue for three quarters of an hour.

Meeting of Conference in Association Hall at 10 o'clock a.m.

CHRISTIAN UNION.

I. Union by Faith with Christ, the Basis of Christian Union.—Prof. Charles Hodge, D.D., LL.D., Princeton Theol. Sem., N. J. Bishop Matthew Simpson, D.D., LL.D., Philadelphia, Pa.

II. The Communion of Saints—Modes of its Promotion and Manifestation.—Rev. C. Dallas Marston, M.A., London. Rev. E. F. Cook, B.A., Paris. President Eliphalet Nott Potter, D.D., Union College, New York.

III. Christian Union consistent with Denominational Distinctions. Very Rev. R. Payne Smith, D.D., Dean of Canterbury. Rt. Rev. Gregory T. Bedell, D.D., Ohio.

IV. The Evangelical Alliance—its Objects and Influence in promoting Christian Union and Religious Liberty.—Rev. Jas. Davis, Secretary of the British Alliance, London. Rev. J. S. Russell, Secretary of the British Alliance London. Rev. W. Noél, Berlin. A paper by the late Prof.