

General Religious Intelligence.

The Romanizing tendencies in certain quarters of the English Church, especially the introduction of the confessional, continue to attract attention and draw forth remonstrances. An influential meeting was recently held in Exeter Hall, to protest against the effort now made to undo the work of the Reformation and to bring the Church of England into union with that of Rome. Lord Shaftesbury presided. In the course of his remarks he declared that if the confessional were introduced, much as those present liked the Church of England, they would say, "Let her go and all the Bishops with her." The tone of the other speakers was equally decided.

Another meeting was lately held in London, at which both evangelical Episcopalians and Dissenters took part. It was held on the invitation of the Hon. and Rev. E. V. Blyth, Rector of Birling, and Rev. Dr. Donald Fraser. Earl Shaftesbury presided also at this meeting. Much unity of feeling prevailed. Resolutions were passed in favor of a judicious revision of the formularies of the Church, which would "promote more friendly relations between the Church itself and those non-Episcopal bodies which hold the great leading doctrines of the Reformation." A "Vigilance" committee was appointed.

DEATH OF REV. DR. MORGAN, BELFAST.—We learn with deep regret of the death of Dr. Morgan, a well known and highly esteemed minister of the Irish Presbyterian Church. He died in his 74th year, having suffered for some time from disease of the heart. He resigned the more laborious duties of the charge in 1869, when Rev. H. M. Williamson, of Aberdeen, was appointed assistant and successor. Dr. Morgan was a most devoted minister whose influence has been very extensive and most beneficial. His death is regretted by christians of all denominations.

MEETING OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE IN NEW YORK.—Active preparations are being made for the great meeting of the Evangelical Alliance in New York in the beginning of October. It is expected that there will be a reception by the President at Washington. It is proposed also to give all delegates free tickets from New York to Niagara and back. Papers will be read and addresses delivered on important subjects by leading ministers and laymen from Europe as well as America; and it is expected that important results in the interests of religion and of peace will flow from this conference.

DEATH OF REV. DR. G. SPRING.—We notice the death of the Rev. Dr. Gardner Spring. He died at a very advanced age, and had long maintained a prominent position in the Presbyterian Church in New York. He was the author of many publications.

SYNOD OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE LOWER PROVINCES.—The Synod of this Sister Church met at Truro, in the end of June. The *Home and Foreign Record* of that Church make the following remarks with reference to the meeting:—

"The meeting of Synod at Truro was largely attended especially by ministers. The discussions which are inevitable in such assemblies, were conducted in a very becoming and brotherly spirit. One subject, the marriage question, occupied two days with the exception of one session. This necessitated short speeches and great condensation in dealing with the other very important subjects. It is especially to be regretted that the "Report on the State of Religion" was crowded into the very last sederunt.