

All the schemes of the Church should be supported according to their importance and requirements. Let us labor and pray that the earth may speedily be filled with the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the great deep.

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### GENERAL CONFERENCE OF THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE.

The New York meeting of the General Conference of the Evangelical Alliance has been eminently successful, whether we consider the number of distinguished persons from various countries who were present and took part in the proceedings; the value and importance of the papers read, on various points connected with the progress of religion throughout the world; the enthusiasm of the meetings; the great generosity and unbounded liberality which characterized all the arrangements made by the Christian people of New York; or the fine spirit of Christian brotherhood which animated all who were privileged to be present on the interesting occasion. The number of delegates attending the meetings was large, representing almost every country, and almost every section of the Evangelical Church; England, Scotland, Ireland, France, Holland, Spain, Germany, Greece, Turkey, Egypt, India, China, and other countries sent their representatives to meet with their Christian brethren in the New World. Episcopalians, Presbyterians, Congregationalists, Methodists, Baptists, all came together, not ignoring the points of difference which separated them, but recognizing their oneness in Christ Jesus, standing on the same foundation, realizing acceptance with God through the same Mediator, experiencing the influences of the same Spirit, animated by the same hopes, rejoicing in the same glorious prospects. The various Churches throughout the Dominion of Canada were represented by fifty delegates. Theology had such representatives as Dorner, Christlieb, Witte, Schaff, and the venerable Hodge, whose praise is in all the Churches. Philosophy was well represented by Dr. McCosh, whose activity and versatility made him of great service to the Alliance. Science had Principal Dawson and others, well fitted to grapple with the questions of the day. The earnest ministry of the age had, as its representatives, such men as Stevenson, of Dublin; Stoughton, of London; Dr. Payne Smith, Dean of Canterbury; Dr. John Hall, of New York; and Dr. Arnot, of Edinburgh, whose words were always with unction and power. The Missionary field sent a large number of devoted, earnest-minded men, among whom we might mention Dr. Graham, of Bonn, formerly of Damascus, whose special attention has been given to the House of Israel; Narayan Sheshadri, of Bombay, educated in the Missionary Institution of the Free Church under Dr. Wilson, and now for many years an earnest preacher of the Gospel, and an ordained missionary of the same Church; Lansing, from Egypt; Kalopothakes, from Greece; Bliss and others, from Turkey; with many missionaries from China, and almost every field where missionary work is being carried on. Brief notices of all the eminent scholars and missionaries who were present would be interesting, but we must forbear to attempt this. Several men of mark who were expected were unable to be present. Among these Dr. Cairns, of Scotland, may be mentioned as one whose absence was much regretted. Others, whose presence had given *eclat* to similar meetings on former occasions, and who were eagerly expected when the idea of the American Conference was first mooted, were not with their brethren on