

the revenue of philanthropic societies, would react with most beneficial effect on the givers, deepening their sense of responsibility, and teaching them, in all their spendings, to have more regard to the will of God.'"

THE EVANGELICAL ALLIANCE held its usual *Soiree* in May. The chairman, Mr. Hanbury, spoke of the work of the Alliance, in the threefold aspect of faith, work, and prayer. In the first, it united Christians at home and abroad: in the second, it had done much for the deliverance of persecuted Christians in Europe and Asia: in the third, it had promoted the union of Christians throughout the world, in the first week of January for some years past. Dr. Cumming, speaking on "the false and true grounds of Christian Union," distinguished between unity and union, the former being a living inward principle, and the latter the manifestation of it to the world. There never had been perfect union since the day of Pentecost. There was no great union in the Corinthian Church. Peter and Paul were not agreed. There was no union among the Fathers. The Bishops of the Nicene Church quarrelled. General Councils were not always agreed. Union was not uniformity. There should be such a thing as the union of truth. There was more real union amid the diversities of Protestants than in the uniformity of the Church of Rome.—A General Conference of Christians from all nations will be held in Amsterdam, on August 26, and following days.

LONDON CITY MISSION.—The 31st annual report of this Society, founded by the late David Nasmyth, showed a diminution of income of nearly £3,400, and a consequent reduction in the number of missionaries from 395 to 371. The income was £35,500. By the agents of the Society 2,000,000 visits had been paid in the year, or between 5,000 and 6,000 a day. The gross total attendance on meetings held by them was 1,500,000 considerably more than the number attending all the churches and chapels in the metropolis on the Lord's Day. We ascribe the falling off of the resources of this particular organisation, which is on a catholic basis, to the increase of other societies and of church activities in the same field; for never was there more city missionary work done in London than now.

LONDON MISSIONARY SOCIETY.—Previous to the anniversary of this Society, at the half-yearly meeting of town and country directors, special attention was given to the complaints made in a circular sent to the leading friends of the Society by Mr. Broomhall, formerly a director and auditor, alleging that the income of the Society and the number of missionaries employed was no greater than a quarter of a century ago, and connecting these allegations with the administration of Dr. Tidman, the foreign secretary. In answer to this the directors submitted a statement to show that there *had* been an increase of revenue, that bodies once coöperating had now missions of their own, that a large number of missionaries had been sent out, while "in spite of their most earnest appeals to the churches, a sufficient number of suitable men had not offered themselves for the work." A large committee of investigation was formed, also charged with devising means for enlarging the income of the Society. The entire income for 1865-6 was £33,000; the expenditure, nearly £107,000. To meet the deficiency £25,000 had been withdrawn from the Special and Reserve Legacy Funds. *An addition of £10,000 a year is necessary to sustain its present operations.* We must confess, that, though we have kept ourselves informed, as we