

A great confession of faith truly ! One may assent to it, and be a Unitarian, a Universalist, an Annihilationist, or a Papist. Arius, of ancient heterodox fame, was willing to accept it, and Theodore Parker could have readily subscribed to it.

Then the phrases, "He descended into hell," and, "Holy Catholic Church," are ambiguous, and of very questionable propriety or utility. For my part, I had rather have the simple statement, "I believe that Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners," or the creed of the half-witted man, Spurgeon tells of, whose constant confession of faith was :

I am a poor sinner, and nothing at all,
But Jesus Christ is all in all.

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News of the Churches.

GUELPH.—Special services have been held in this church, with most cheering results, which we hope to chronicle in our next.

KINGSTON FIRST.—It is with feelings of gratitude to God that we recount something of a work of grace which has been going on for two weeks in the First Congregational Church of Kingston. Our pastor (Dr. Jackson), since the first of the year, has been burdened with a sense of the necessity of some "special effort" to reach the unconverted members of his congregation, especially the young people. After consultation and prayer, it was decided that our brother, Rev. Mr. Main, of Belleville, be invited to preach the annual missionary sermon, on Sunday, the 13th of March and that, in the two weeks following, special evangelistic services be held afternoon and evening. This plan was followed, and we have seen blessed results. The afternoon meetings were attended principally by the members of the church, who prayed for a quickening of the Spirit amongst themselves, and the power of the Holy Spirit to convict and convert and lead to Christ. On the second evening of meeting, after an earnest appeal had been made, an invitation was given those who wished to have the prayers of God's people on their behalf, or were anxious to turn to the Lord, to stand on their feet. Four or five immediately arose. During an after meeting, in which all anxious ones were dealt with personally, they all professed to find the Saviour. Every evening of the week the Spirit seemed to find from two to six willing to listen to His gentle voice. The work was very quiet, and man's hand seemed to be little in it. On Sunday, the 20th, our hearts were made very glad by seeing many wishing to serve the Master. At a morning meeting, held by the young people, six of the boys stood up desiring prayer. An earnest evangelistic sermon was preached during morning service. At afternoon Sunday school session, after twenty

minutes had been spent in studying the regular lesson, addresses were delivered to the scholars on the necessity of deciding to serve Christ now, and, when those who wished to find Christ were invited to make it known, some thirty or more of the boys and girls, young men and women, stood on their feet, our hearts were indeed made glad, and we could only pray the Master to give us wisdom to lead them to Himself. Many of these, if not all, have since given evidence of their trust in Jesus, and wish to serve Him. Our evening services Sunday were evangelistic, with after meeting with the same blessed result. All the week services were held, as during the week previous, no evening without the manifestation of the presence of the Spirit in showing some weary one the way back to God. The meetings were closed on Friday, 25th, when Brother Main, who worked so hard, and was so wonderfully used by God, took his leave of us for his charge in Belleville. We feel very grateful to the Belleville Church for so cheerfully lending us aid at this time, and pray that the Lord may bless them abundantly in their work. As a result of our meetings we have a young ladies' prayer meeting Tuesday afternoon, a young men's prayer meeting on Thursday evening, and a boys' and girls' meeting conducted by them under Dr. Jackson, on Wednesday afternoon. The work has been principally among the young. There are many yet of the older members of the congregation whom we wish to see turning to the Lord ; but we praise His name for His wonderful work, and trust His grace for the future. Brethren, pray that this work may be deep and thorough.—T. HENDRY.

MONTREAL.—Lately in St. John's Free Church, the Rev. S. Massey lectured upon "Rowland Hill and his Times." The wit and eccentricities of the famous divine were happily interpolated. Thus, on one occasion, when in company of a Baptist minister, he said : "Brother, there is one text that I can preach from, and you can't." "What text is that ?" said the Baptist. "He sent me not to baptize, but to preach the Gospel," was the reply. All present enjoyed the pious pun, and the Baptist brother most of all. The following incident is also worth reproducing :—A little while before he had finished his course, having preached in a neighbouring church on a Sunday evening, when leaving the vestry for the door of the church, after the congregation was gone, amid profound silence, nothing being heard but his own slow footsteps, he was overheard, in low tones, to repeat the following stanza :—

And when I'm to die,
Receive me, I'll cry,
For Jesus hath loved me, I cannot tell why ;
But this I can find,
We two are so joined,
He'll not be in glory, and leave me behind.

"To my heart," says the minister for whom he had