

the vicarious atonement of Jesus Christ, who could give an intelligent reason why the world needs a Divine Christ, or who could state, in language that ordinary mortals could understand, what *He* came to this world for. Socinus, who founded the sect of the Socinians, in the sixteenth century, was at least consistent. In rejecting the doctrine of Christ's atonement, he saw no need of any Divine Christ, so he rejected His divinity.

But Paul's "*First of all*," is to-day the rallying cry, the watchword, of all the principal denominations of Christendom—both Protestant and Roman Catholic. It was never so well understood, never so universally believed. Ministers are preaching it, Sabbath-schools are teaching it, and the millions of Christ's followers are singing it, the wide world over. Said the dying Father Basford, of Ingersoll, to his physician, "Doctor, I want you to tell everybody you see that the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth from all sin."

Kennedy, the world-renowned singer of Scottish songs, closed his mortal career in one of our Canadian towns. After arranging his earthly affairs, just before he expired, he called his family around him and requested them to sing. He was asked what he would like to have them sing. "Sing," said the dying Scotchman, "Sing, 'Rock of Ages.'" He who had thrilled audiences on both continents, with his magnificent rendering of such Scotch songs as "The March o' the Cameron Men," now grasped with undying faith the Christ of Calvary; and while his weeping family sang