

"The problems now before us are to be worked out not by unreal men; not by Congregationalists who are *not* Congregationalists, Presbyterians who are *not* Presbyterians, or Episcopalians who have knelt to be ordained by forms which mock Almighty God, unless they are deeply and conscientiously accepted. Never, never can men of superficial conceptions and ill-knit, loose-fitting habits of thought accomplish anything lasting in structural readjustment. The results we seek must be wrought out by strong characters, 'mighty in the Scriptures,' but still not unwilling to catch ideas from tent-makers, men or women, Aquilas or Priscillas, if so be they may be taught 'the way of God more perfectly.' We want honest Christian Conferences, the Holy Spirit first invoked, in which a dry scientific light may be turned upon the points we see only through colored glasses. And, as in the Congregational statements from Hartford, we need to see in honest black and white, what we have in common, and what remains for comparison and inquiry. I admire their communication, and I mean to take it up for close examination. To my mind it actually *points to the practical*, blessed be God. Not that the 'Episcopal Church' is ever to gain the 'Congregational Churches' of New England, but that we and they may advance to some common ground where we shall meet in full communion and make progress toward a revived catholicity, in which 'we all may be one!' Such is the spirit of the Bishops' document. It breathes no hierarchical ambition to be lord over the faith of others.

PROTESTANT AGREEMENT OF FAITH.

CATHOLIC Paper having declared that Protestants have no ground of unity, the *New York Independent* makes the following statement, which we commend to our readers' careful attention.

"Leaving out the Unitarians, a small fellowship which hesitates to call itself Christian, and with whom nobody proposes to unite, the remaining Protestant denominations agree on the following points:—

- "1. The existence and authority of God.
- "2. The Divinity and authority of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- "3. The converting and indwelling presence of his Holy Spirit.
- "4. The inspiration and authority of the Holy Scriptures.
- "5. The guilt and ill desert of sin.

"6. Redemption and pardon through Jesus Christ.

"7. The necessity of conversion from a life of sin and selfishness, to a life of holiness and consecration to the service of God and man.

"8. The supernatural history of Jesus Christ, his crucifixion and burial, his resurrection from the dead and his ascension to heaven, where he sitteth at the right hand of God.

"9. The immortality of the soul, and the just awards of the future world, to the righteous eternal life, and to the finally impenitent eternal death.

"10. The establishment by our Lord of his Church, with the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper."

COLLEGE BARBARITIES.

(From the *N. Y. Independent*.)

ELEVEN big animals from Yale University and eleven big animals from Princeton College expressed their gratitude to God on Thanksgiving Day for his mercies during the year, by such a beastly fight as ought to be prohibited by law and punished as the fights of the prize ring are punished. This is plain language, but it is none too strong. Let it be understood that we do not have the least objection to manly sport. We believe in it and would encourage it. But this is nothing of that sort. There is a game of football, or was, which was manly and healthful. It was a game of pluck and skill. The game as now conducted is only organized brutality. First there was a quarrel as to where the game should be played. This preliminary quarrel was so prolonged and bitter that it prepared the way for a contest which should not be a game but a fight full of animosity. Under the Rugby rules the ball is hardly kicked from the beginning to the end of the game, but is seized and carried, and the effort of the players is by all possible violence to take the ball from the player who holds it. He can be caught and pounded with the fists, thrown on the ground and stamped on with all one's fury. At Princeton on last Thanksgiving Day it was well understood that there would be no mercy shown. The game, so called, was a slugging match. The brutes pounded and kicked each other, and that they did not kill each other was through no restraint, but by the mercy of God. One of the players was severely injured and had to be carried off the ground. It was an unmanly, degrading, beastly exhibition of