

to the secular activity of the times". On Wednesday afternoon the usual address on Social Reform was given by Rev. Samuel J. May of Syracuse, N. Y., before the Ministerial Conference.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL SOCIETY.

The Anniversary of the Sunday School Society was held in the church in Bedford Street, on Wednesday evening. Prayer was offered by Rev. A. B. Muzzey, of Concord, N. H. The President of the Society, Hon. A. Fearing, introduced the services of the evening with some appropriate remarks, and stated that the officers of the Society had induced the Rev. Mr. Huntington to prepare and read a report, as the Society had, until recently, been without a Secretary. Rev. Mr. Huntington was introduced and read a very interesting paper, in which he gave a sketch of the organization of this Society last summer at Worcester, stating that it was not the Society that had been accustomed to meet on the same evening of the last week in May, but a new one, with a new organization and enlarged plans of usefulness, the prominent feature of which is the appointment of a Secretary, or General Agent, to devote his whole time to the interests of the Sunday-school cause, to give his personal attention to the selection and preparation of books, to edit a paper for the young, to visit and address Sunday-schools, confer with pastors, superintendents, and teachers, and promote the general interests of Sabbath-school instruction. The Report mentioned the appointment of the late Rev. F. T. Gray to this trust, and the disappointment in his sudden death, from whose labors so much had been anticipated; the appointment of Mr. Jared M. Heard to succeed him, and his withdrawal on account of infirmities of health; and lastly, the appointment of Rev. S. G. Bulfinch, who has recently accepted the office, with the understanding that he is not required to relinquish his pastoral charge, and that he is to take charge of such interests of the Society as require immediate and constant care, until either himself shall be able and willing to give his whole time to the work, or another person can be found who is able to do this. Besides these statements the Report set forth the purposes and principles of the Society at considerable length. Several ministers and others also addressed the meeting.