

outward condition on the whole justifies it. Our churches in Boston, though much affected by the removal of parishioners into the country, and diminished in number by the loss of one church edifice, under the operation of somewhat similar circumstances which have caused to our Orthodox brethren the loss within a few years of three of theirs, are, with scarcely a single exception, in a more prosperous state than they have been for a long time ; and the same is true, we believe, almost universally, of the churches throughout New England. In distant places our cause is advancing. The societies at Chicago and Detroit, for some time languishing, bid fair to emulate those at Buffalo and Syracuse and St. Louis. In San Francisco the Unitarian society is quite promising. In the State of New York, all our societies, with scarcely an exception, are increasing largely. Within a very brief period two new societies have been established in the immediate vicinity of the city of New York ; and since we commenced this article, we have heard of another having been gathered in Jersey City. Those already existing in New York and Brooklyn now number larger congregations, and exert a wider influence, than at any former time.

No act falls fruitless ; none can tell
How vast its power may be ;
Nor what results enfolded dwell
Within it, silently.