

INTELLIGENCE.

AUTUMNAL UNITARIAN CONVENTION.

SINCE the issue of our last number, the Autumnal Convention of Unitarians assembled according to notice in this city. The assemblage on that occasion was quite numerous — more numerous than we had any good reason to expect, considering our distance from the geographical centre of the Unitarian faith. But our friends did not allow the distance to prevent them from coming to help us by their presence and sympathy. Not less than three hundred persons crossed the United States frontier on that occasion, and came into Canada on their fraternal Christian mission. There was a large array of ministers and delegates from Massachusetts, a goodly number from Maine, and several from New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New Hampshire, Vermont, and Pennsylvania. We happen to know also of two persons who came from Hamilton, C. W., to attend the meetings. The whole proceedings were sustained with a fair degree of interest, and the impression made upon all who attended was, so far as we have been able to learn, quite satisfactory. While making this statement we ought not, perhaps, omit notice of a criticism by a writer in the *Boston Christian Register*, who, while he affirms the meeting here to have been one of the most successful of the Autumnal gatherings, yet says “the discussions were not so valuable as in many preceding years. This was partly the result, as we think, of the nature of the subject which came up first for consideration. Speculations which divide opinion and alienate feeling are seldom found, we believe, to be the most profitable subjects for popular debate. Had the Convention opened by some topic relating to the religious life, it would have presented a more united front, and have done more to strengthen our brethren who so hospitably received us. At the same time it must be admitted that many important views were presented on a subject which