

returned the day after to a meeting of those who dissented from the action. About forty were present. All were pressed to speak openly their mind, and there was united judgment that the Natural History Hall had ceased to be the table of the Lord. One or two proposed waiting, but after consideration, it was judged by all that it would only be lack of faith to allow the table to lapse in Montreal. The course pursued by the majority left no hope, with regard to them, of any result from this, and to wait upon the action of other gatherings would be mere febleness where the case was plain, and principles adopted which were entirely subversive of the whole ground on which we met. These principles have since been put forth openly in their recent "Narrative," and may well be left, as stated by themselves, to the judgment of brethren.

On Friday, I left Montreal to return to Plainfield, and on the second Lord's day after my return, a printed circular was read from Montreal announcing the action against me, and asking for the concurrence of the Plainfield assembly. Their answer they have publicly given, and this was the first real assembly-action with regard to the matter. Boston, about that time, also gave a unanimous judgment, followed, a few days after, by Hyde Park.

I do not think it needful to add more. The questions presented by all this are exceedingly serious. The adoption of a creed, none the less real because an unwritten one; the tying down of all ministry to conformity with this, and the quenching of the free