

dilating on the subject of the death of Christ, he stated it to be his conviction that the Lord, as sinless man, would not have died, except on man's account; he endeavored also to make a point of the *tasting of death*, on the part of Christ, as involving a more thorough realization of it, than has been the experience of sin-stricken man; (5.) Confession of sin, if consciously needed, should *commence* an act of worship, as we gather from the practice of the Israelites, and as the service of the Episcopal church correctly presents it; our friend, the Baptist, on the contrary, introduced it at the close. In spite of the foregoing abatements however, it has afforded the writer great satisfaction to listen to a minister who realizes the unique advantage of having studied the Scriptures, untrammelled by sectarian traditions; this gentleman judiciously availed himself of a three years' course at University College for the purpose of increasing his knowledge of Hebrew and Greek, and as he has availed himself of the inspired commentators of the New Testament, in order to understand the Old, the robust quartos of the last century or so are unlikely to be much consulted by him; with such guides as he has already trusted, and with the habitual study of the languages in which the Scriptures were communicated to us, he will realize the aspiration of the Apostle Peter, and find that "grace and peace will be multiplied to him in the knowledge of God, and of Jesus our Lord;" his flock will also realize, as they doubtless have done already, that a "Scribe instructed to the kingdom of heaven, brings forth out of his treasure things new (as well as) old."

#### THE UNITARIAN CHURCH.

The services at this church were conducted on the 4th inst. by the Rev. W. Brookman. The number of persons who kindly undertake to correct our errors in the present day is apt to be bewildering; possibly it may result in the establishment of an *error exchange*, in which case one may safely predict that the amount of business tran-

sacted thereat will far exceed the negotiations of the stock or corn exchange; whether any such arrangement had been effected between the Unitarians and Mr. Brookman, one cannot determine, albeit it is easy to decide that such a presentation of Mr. B.'s views as that to which the writer listened in the evening, would be as obnoxious to his hearers as it would have been had it been delivered in the synagogue. "Levelling up" is one of the characteristics of our age, hence on the other side of the ocean, Jew, Mahomedan, Christian and Pagan, are learning to live in happy accord; persecution and patronage have been successively tried; the prevailing idea at the present time is, that all are equally *worthy* of respect, the next stage will be that all are equally *unworthy*; towards this climax we are rapidly advancing, and the professing church is keeping pace with "the powers that be" as well as it knows how. "Adversity makes strange bedfellows," and perhaps this abstract of popular experience may account for an Episcopal and Baptist minister figuring in the pulpit of a Unitarian Church; from the martyrdom-tone adopted by the preacher, it appeared so to do. The reverend gentleman selected the fifty-third chapter of Isaiah as the portion of scripture on which to dilate during the former part of the service, and rightly commenced the reading of the prophecy with the 13th verse of the previous chapter; the lofty utterance, "Behold my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and extolled and be very high," is that of him who saw the end from the beginning, with whom a thousand years is as a day; hence at the conclusion of the marvellous story of the humiliation, we have the outburst of triumphant joy likewise anticipated—"Sing, O barren, thou who didst not bear, break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou who didst not travail with child, for more are the children of the desolate, than the children of the married wife saith Jehovah." Mr. B., as if *authoritatively*, descended on questions of translation, and this, *under the circum-*