

These assembled at half-past 7 A.M., and lasted until 9 A.M., and were numerously attended.

As a fitting close to exercises and services, the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper was administered in the Federal Street Church, on Thursday evening; when an appropriate sermon was preached by the Rev. John Parkman of Staten Island, N.Y., and the elements distributed by the Rev. Mr. Bond of Dover, N.H.

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#### ITEMS.

THE following extracts from Rev. Professor Maurice and Rev. Dr. E. Beecher, concerning Unitarians, have been sent to us by a correspondent. For the information of some of our readers it may be useful to say that Professor M. is a clergyman of the church of England, residing and officiating in London; and Dr. B. is a Trinitarian clergyman settled with a church in Boston, Mass.

"I am not ashamed to say that the vehement denunciations of the general faith of Christendom, which I have heard from Unitarians — denunciations of it as cruel, immoral, and inconsistent with any full and honest acknowledgment of the Divine Love, have been eminently useful to me. I receive them as blessings from God, for which I ought to give him continual thanks. Great portions of these charges have seemed to me well founded. I have been compelled to confess that the evidence for them was irresistible. I owe it very much to these protests that I have learned to say to myself, 'take away the love of God and you take away every thing; the Bible sets forth the revelation of that love, or it is good for nothing.' I owe also much to those Unitarians who, being less strong in their condemnation of the thoughts and language of books written by Trinitarians, and avowing a sympathy with some of the accounts which they have given of their own inward conflicts, nevertheless hate orthodoxy as such, with a perfect hatred, assuming it to be the stifler of all honest conviction and all moral growth. I have not been able to gainsay many of their assertions and arguments."—*Professor Maurice.*

"The existence of the Unitarian body is a providential protest in favor of the great principles of Honor and of right."—*Dr. Edward Beecher.*