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The service at this Church was conducted by the Rev. Elmore Harris on the morning of the 4th instant. Our attention was soon directed to that unique and comprehensive portion of Scripture, the 8th Psalm, and to the second chapter of the epistle to the Hebrews, in connection with it. For convenience sake, and not with a view to find fault, it may be well to indicate at the outset, a point or two which the preacher did not dilate on; such are—(1.) The fact of the psalm being looped up, so to speak, at either end with the same sentiment. (2.) The consideration that *the Jehovah* who is the subject of the psalm is in an especial sense '*Our Lord*' as celebrated by an Israelite; the second occurrence of the name 'Lord' being marked in the Hebrew by a title which always applies to Christ, and which is indicated in English by the comparatively small type in which the title appears. (3.) The singularly gracious manner in which the Lord silenced his

enemies by quoting the second verse of the psalm, and stopping short of that portion of the verse which expressly mentions 'adversaries.' Matt. xxi, 16. (4.) The reference of the Apostle Paul to the sixth verse when in 1. Cor. xv. 27, he says 'He hath put all things under his feet.' (5) It is perhaps worth while to note also the fourfold division of the animated world, as occurring in the 7th and 8th verses, inasmuch as the number four is in so many ways characteristic of the world.* Mr. Harris observed that this eighth psalm was used at the time of gathering in the vintage; as such, it is of the more interest to

*"The elements of the universe (according to the opinion of the ancients) consist of four, viz. fire, air, earth, and water. There are four quarters of the globe; the extension of all bodies is estimated according to length, breadth, depth and height; time is divided into Morning, Noon, Evening and Midnight; the year is divided into Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter; four are the phases of the moon, and four are the ages of man, Infancy, Youth, Manhood, and Old Age."