

Mass., gave a touching account of his experience in Montreal at the time he became a Unitarian.

At half-past 9 o'clock on Thursday morning, the Convention was called to order. Rev. Dr. Allen, of Northboro', in the chair.

Voted to close the discussions of the Convention at 1 o'clock, P.M.

Samuel Greele, Esq. of Boston, moved the thanks of the Convention to the friends in Montreal for their hospitality ; to which Dr. Workman appropriately responded.

The Rev. Dr. Hill offered resolutions commemorative of brethern deceased during the past year.

A Committee of Arrangements was appointed for the next year, consisting of Rev. Rufus Ellis, of Boston, Rev. Thomas Hill, of Waltham, and George William Bond, Esq., of Boston.

Rev. Joseph H. Allen, of Bangor, read an essay, of which the following is an abstract, on the third topic before the Convention —

“THE CHURCH AS A SOCIAL POWER.”

The essay commenced with defining the true position of the Church to society as a “spiritual power,” i.e., “a power dealing *directly* with men's motives, beliefs, principles, and moral discipline, and only *indirectly* with those external facts and institutions which make the domain of the temporal power, or the State.”

The need of such a power was next set forth, as “seen in the lamentable controversies that distract the morals of Christendom ; in the existence of frightful social evils, which the State makes scarce an effort to remove ; in the anarchy that prevails as to the first principles of morals, and the absence of any great common interest or faith, pervading the forms of our social life” — showing that “there is still lacking an intelligent, thorough, and commanding organization of the profoundest moral conviction of men, such as may correspond to our complete notion of the Church of Christ, with forces proportioned to its work.”