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The service at this church was conducted by the Rev. S. J. Hunter, on the morning of the 16th inst. In proportion to persons' ignorance are they willing to follow the leadership of blind guides; hence the attractiveness and the lucre attaching to the vocation of blind guide; lack of perceptive power is a question of degree, and in whatever measure that lack characterizes the gentleman above named, there can be no doubt that he is considerably ahead, in point of diction, of the majority of the community he represents. The service, as a whole, deserved to be described as refreshing, and with a passing commendation of the first two hymns, we will divide the description of it by commenting first, on what the officiating minister did not say, and then on what he did. As the thirty-seventh psalm was the portion of Scripture selected for reading, and as it is easy to understand why such portions are read without comment, we will endeavour to find something to say

on the subject-matter of the psalm; the opening prohibition should be read, "Be thou not angry because of evil doers;" at the seventh verse we should have "Be thou not angry on account of him who prospereth in his way," and at the eighth, "Be thou not angry (which is) only for doing evil," i.e., anger is a frequent cause of evil; this triple deprecation of anger probably has special reference to that manifestation, on the part of Jewish saints in the future "time of Jacob's trouble," (Jer. xxx. 7, Matt. xxiv. 13). The word rendered "saints" in ver. 28. is restricted to Israelitish saints. "Feed (thyself) with truth" conveys a widely different thought to the "verily thou shalt be fed," of the third verse. The seven encouragements Godward are obviously matters of design. "Trust in Jehovah" (v.3) "Delight thyself also in Jehovah" (v.4.) "Commit thy way to Jehovah" (v.5.) "Trust also in him" (v. 5.) "Rest in Jehovah" (v. 7.) "Wait patiently for him" (v. 7.) "Wait on

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