

Union Square Presbyterian Church, Warren Avenue,

UNION SQUARE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

By REV. THOMAS ATKINSON.

Was organized by the presbytery of Boston, in Pythian Hall, Tuesday evening, December 14, 1886. At the same meeting elders were ordained, and over sixty members were received by letter and on profession of faith. Rev. C. S. Dewing, D.D., to whose labors the organization was due, was in stalled as the first pastor January 25, 1887.

In October of the same year the congregation purchased their present place of worship from the Congregational society. From the first the congregation grew rapidly, and in a remarkably short time the church was clear of debt.

In October, 1893, Rev. C. S. Dewing, D.D., closed his pastorate in order to accept the position of pastor at large of the New England churches. Soon afterwards Rev. Thomas Atkinson was invited to fill the pulpit, and having accepted the invitation began his work in January, 1894. After laboring for three months, Mr. Atkinson was duly installed as pastor in response to the earnest and unanimous request of the people.

The membership now exceeds 250. The people are united and enthusiastic, so that the outlook for the future is bright.

Union Square Presbyterian Church eventually merged with St. Andrews Church of South Boston, and Trinity Church of Somerville, to form the present-day Clarendon Hill Presbyterian Church.