

tation he did not, however, accept during the meeting of the College ; but after its close, I made an appointment to speak on the subject, in the Sycamore street Meeting-house, on Monday evening following. We met according to appointment. The Bishop, on my invitation to reply, rose and requested to be indulged with an adjournment to the next evening, which being granted, we dismissed the assembly.

On Tuesday evening, after expressing a concurrence in the necessity of persons examining the Scriptures, and of being enlightened by that good book, affirming that he would acknowledge no man as a worthy member of his community, who was not so enlightened, he went on to prove 'that the right of private judgment was annihilated by the church and the Bible ; and that to the exercise of this feigned right was owing all the divisions in the world.'

He spent the evening, however, for the most part, in pouring forth a torrent of the most unqualified abuse of Martin Luther and his associates in the Reformation ; representing him as a devil incarnate, the slave of the most brutal lusts and passions, to the extreme mortification, not only of every lady in the house, but to make even gentlemen themselves blush for his indelicacy and want of respect for public opinion.

The gentleman continued his speech till almost 10 o'clock, when on my motion to have the discussion subjected to a competent presidency, and to be regulated by equal laws, he positively declined any farther debate, alleging physical incompetency and the liabilities of his office to ministerial calls. To obviate these difficulties, I in vain proposed to measure the debate according to his physical strength, (which appeared to be greatly superior to mine) and to leave the time and place, whether by night or day, whether every day, or every other day, to his convenience and regulation.

In consequence of this failure to meet public expectation, and of the magnitude of the interests developing themselves, so far as this matter was agitated, and of the impressions made on the whole community, alive, as you are to the great importance of this whole subject, religiously, morally, and politically considered, you have been induced, gentlemen, to request me to deliver a series of lectures on certain propositions which I sketched in my address of yesterday evening. These propositions being of superlative interest to every American citizen, I have carefully considered, and on receiving your very kind and polite invitation. I have arranged and expressed them in the following order and style :—

1. The Roman Catholic Religion, if infallible and insusceptible of reformation, as alleged, is essentially anti-American, being opposed to the genius of all free institutions and positively subversive of them.