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## THE KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.

SECOND NOTICE.

Romanism is but the reflex of the human heart, and that reflex would appear to extend to the Knox College, to judge from the mode in which the Scriptures were treated in the ministrations of Professor McLaren on the 19th ult. In commenting on the Professor's dereliction with regard to the exposition of Scripture, while conversing with a minister whose vocation is to "moderate" the possibly immoderate, the writer was met by the defence—"The word of God is capable of doing its own work." They who may be disposed to acquiesce in such a sentiment as the foregoing, may therefore be content to be plunged into a slough of homiletic "thirdlies," by way of substitute for the Book of books, but for the writer's part, and he trusts on behalf of many another, he would exclaim—From such an infiction "Good Lord deliver us." The formal invocation of the Almighty's blessing on the mere reading of portions of scripture, to the neglect of their elucidation, is, in the judgment of the writer, simply a solemn mockery; it has been found possible to make some observations on

the former of the two portions read by the professor, on the 19th ult., and on the present occasion, it may be desirable to consider if the latter portion do not need comment; that consisted of John x. 1-18. It would not have involved any great effort of intellect on the part of the Professor, to have connected the 39th and the subsequent verses of the 9th chapter with the 10th. "For judgment I am come into this world, that they who see not might see; and that they who see might be made blind," &c. This declaration becomes the more interesting when it is connected with Jno. v. 22-27. in the latter of these verses we read "and hath given him authority to exercise judgment because he is the Son of man." This same glorious person, throughout the Old Testament, is described as *Adon* which means "God in judgment," and wherever the name "Lord" occurs, in the O. T. printed in small letters, (as the name is here,) that is uniformly represented by, the name "Adon," in the Hebrew. In Dan. ix. 17. the prophet pleads with God "for the Lord's sake." Reference to Ps. ii. 9-12. Eze. ii. 1. and xxxiv. 16.