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(SECOND NOTICE.)

It is but little that the writer feels disposed to comment on the sermon preached by the Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick in the Church above-named, on the 27th ult., and that little must necessarily take the form of an objection to it. The reverend gentleman selected his text from Psalm lxxx, 8—11, 14. "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt; thou hast cast out the Gentiles, and planted it, etc." No sooner was the text delivered, than we were told that the people of God, figured by the vine, were to be treated in "a spiritual aspect," so that all that is definite in the psalmist's description, such as "it filled the land," "she sent out her boughs to the (Mediterranean) sea, and her branches to the river (Euphrates)," the plea to the Almighty to "return, . . . to visit this vine," in consequence of "the wild beast of the field" having devoured it, all this we are coolly informed applies to the Church!! that is supposed to be the "spiritual aspect" of it. The only argument for this Puritanical mode of dealing with Scripture, known to the writer, is that the Apostle Paul *applies* a promise primarily made to Israel, to the believers of the new dispensation, 2 Cor. vi, 16, "I will dwell among them, and walk among them, etc.;" the Apostle also *applies* the first verse of the 54th chapter of Isaiah to believers of the Christian dispensation, and observes that "we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise," but he does not say that God had forfeited his promise to Isaac, which such a mode of treating the scriptures as that above-described involves. It was manifest that the reverend gentleman who addressed us, cherished the most rose-colored views of the condition of professing Christendom; he had not apparently seen one of those maps which, in depicting the relative proportion of the unchristianized section of