

a foreshadowing of what is yet future (Rev. xii. 6, 14), would not be likely to be dreamt of in the philosophy of the minister of Cook's. If we pass to the eightieth Psalm, from which the text of the sermon was taken, we find that what is termed "the spiritual application" thereof, is so egregiously spiritual, that we are not told that "the sea" of the eleventh verse is the Mediterranean, and "the river" the Euphrates, to which the kingdom extended in the days of Solomon, and to which it will again extend by and bye. It is an invidious task to be obliged to comment adversely on a minister's prayers, but when such a gentleman has not learned that we have but one intercessor, and that the office of the Holy Spirit is (as it is expressed) to make intercession *within* us, and not *for* us, it becomes necessary to invite his attention to the fact; and although it is perfectly true that we are "creatures"—as is a cow—if believers in Christ, in his various relations, we are entitled and encouraged to approach our "Creator" in the spirit and in the attitude of children, and the Scripture itself puts the words in our mouths,—"*Abba*" (the child's cry) "*Father*," but the same Scripture does not (as was observed in relation to another minister of the Kirk) authorize us to ask the Almighty to "*wait on us*," but on the contrary, encourages us *to wait on Him*.

The Rev. Mr. Kirkpatrick has furnished us with so much matter for comment, apart from his harangue, which, from a Presbyterian point of view, is the grand performance, that it becomes necessary to postpone the notice of that production until the 9th inst.

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### "EXAMINE YOURSELVES."

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No two words in our language more strikingly exemplify the untaught condition of our teachers than those above written. The Corinthians (2 Cor. xiii. 3) had been repudiating Paul's apostleship, and he answers them thus:—"since ye seek a proof of Christ speaking in me, . . . examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith."

The passage represented above by asterisks is parenthetical, and should be marked accordingly; it would then be manifest that Paul's reply to the Corinthians had no connection with self-examination, but might be thus transposed:—"Ask yourselves through whose preaching you obtained your Christianity." Men prefer groping in their own darkness, (*examining themselves*), to "feeling after him who brought life and incorruptibility to light through the gospel."