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With the hope of finding the gentleman in his accustomed place, who is said to be too Biblical to be popular, the writer repaired to the Church above-named, on the 24th inst.; the Reverend Laird, of the Elm Street Church however conducted the service; the writer cherishes the hope of being shriven by the reverend gentleman when he confesses that he has been reminded by him of that phosphorescent phenomenon which is wont to flit about over the surface of a marsh; in days even more superstitious than our own, this phenomenon used to be regarded as "Jack o' the lantern;" wherever a quagmire existed, there was "Jack;" in process of time however, as agriculturists have learned the importance of under-draining the soil, "Jack" and his lantern have disappeared, and the healthiness of the neighborhood has improved in consequence; it can only be attributable to the height of depravity that anyone should suggest the applica-

tion of a like process of under-draining to the religious quagmires of the day; what would become of us, if that which sustains the Reverend, Right Reverend, and Most Reverend "Jacks," with their several lanterns, should be drained away? would the neighborhood be more salubrious for that species of tillage? (And what if our social quagmires should be so drained, that there should no longer be any attraction for those specimens of animated nature which hitherto have rendered the said quagmires vocal by ceaseless cries of "quack?") Waiving these profound considerations however for the present, we must return to Mr. Laird, and the mode in which he performed his part on the Ecclesiastical stage of Bloor Street; the first noticeable feature of the performance consisted in the reading of Is. liii, and this was suggestive in more respects than one; it served to illustrate the total inadequacy of the v-anted College training, of which we hear so