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First known Portrait of Knox

(From Iona's Icones, 1580).

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For sure the Lord will not cast off
those that his people be,
Neither his own inheritance
quit and forsake will he :
But judgment unto righteousness
shall yet return again ;
And all shall follow after it
that are right-hearted men.

Prefatory Note.

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JOHAN KNOX—CHRISTIAN, REFORMER, and PATRIOT—was born about four hundred years ago. The quater-century of his birth, whatever the precise date may have been, is being celebrated this year throughout our land, and far beyond its bounds. It would ill become the Secession Church, of which his great biographer, M'Cric, was a distinguished ornament, to stand aloof from such a movement, which commemorates the great work that the Lord enabled him to accomplish for the cause of Christ in Scotland and elsewhere.

Considering that the commemoration affords a fitting opportunity for calling the attention of our countrymen to Reformation principles now sadly

neglected, rather than in a spirit of hero worship, the Synod devoted the evening of the 18th May to addresses on subjects relating to the life and work of our great Reformer. A committee was intrusted with the publication of the addresses, and they are now issued in the hope that some may be led to "ask for the old paths, where is the good way," and that others may be encouraged and confirmed in their attachment to them.

The addresses speak for themselves; and we trust that many who had not the opportunity of hearing them delivered may receive instruction and stimulus from the perusal of them. Each of the speakers treated his theme in his own way and on his own responsibility. The result is a comprehensive presentation by competent men of the various aspects of the subject to which the evening was devoted.

Knox well deserves to be remembered by all who love the cause he served so well. He sought the conversion to God of those who had hitherto been slaves of sin and Satan, and would not have been

satisfied with a reformation of a merely external and formal character. The views he entertained of truth and duty were of the highest kind; and in the prosecution of his work he showed profound spiritual knowledge of the sacred oracles, and great skill in the application of their teaching.

It was his earnest desire that the nation should be on the Lord's side, and in order to this he sought to make adequate provision for the preaching of the gospel and for the godly education of the young. He was thwarted in his efforts in these and other directions by the selfish opposition of the nobles and of the Court, with the result that even yet his educational policy has not been fully carried out.

Knox has all along had many virulent and unscrupulous enemies doing their utmost to injure his character and to depreciate his work. Even in this twentieth century such persons are to be found; but the verdict of history is against them. Unbiased students appreciate him as a man of fervent piety, sterling uprightness, burning zeal,