

of considerable learning and literary ability, and almost the sole contributor to the periodical. The subject matter was purely religious, and largely denominational. The third number contains a list of subscribers, numbering 135, from various states, but nearly half from New Jersey.¹⁸ It is probable that Edwards printed the fourth number, thus completing an entire volume of the magazine, but no copy has been located. This Free Universal Magazine bears the distinction of being the first periodical printed south of the Mason and Dixon line.¹⁹

During 1793, in addition to various other pamphlets, Edwards printed George Buchanan's Oration upon the Moral and Political Evil of Slavery,²⁰ a well-known and popular pamphlet, considering that there are eighteen known copies extant today, and that it was reprinted in 1873 in W. F. Poole's Antislavery Opinions before 1800.

In October 1793, the title of the Baltimore Evening Post was changed to Edwards's Baltimore Daily Advertiser. With minor changes, this title continued through 1794.

Edwards' experience with the Free Universal Magazine must have been such that he considered periodical

18 Terwilliger, W. B. A history of literary periodicals in Baltimore, p. 5-6.

19 Wheeler, J. T. op. cit. p. 8-9.

20 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 111.