

this [Philip Edwards'] office".²¹ Since the partnership of Pechin and Wilmer, in the publication of the Eagle of Freedom had been dissolved on August 1, 1796,²² it is possible that Wilmer and Hayes were none other than the Reverend James Jones Wilmer and John Hayes. No further trace of the proposed Magazine of Knowledge has been found; the attempt to publish it may well be classified with unrealized ambitions.

Hayes' printing activities were now confined to blank forms, books and pamphlets. With the exception of blank forms, all his work from this date seems to have been authorized by outside individuals and agencies, and would classify today as job printing. For example, he issued the novel, Marmontel's Shepherdess of the Alps²³ in 1797 for Keatinge's book store, and the French Cantiques Francais a l'Usage du Catechisme de l'Eglise de Saint-Patrice de Baltimore,²⁴ for the Philadelphia firm of James Rice and Company, which maintained an important book store in Baltimore.

The surviving products of the Hayes press show better than those of any other Baltimore printer in the 1790's, the corporate life of the city. The dif-

21 Maryland journal. December 27, 1796.

22 Federal gazette. August 13, 1796.

23 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 371.

24 Appendix A. Imprint bibliography, item 418.