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THE CHRISTIAN. ON THE DEITY.

THERE probably exists no man, endowed with the usual portion of human intellect who in his heart believes there is no God.—The scriptures have declared such an one to be a fool. "The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God." The light of Nature in this respect accords with the scriptures—all Nature is but, "the varied God," who "Warms in the sun, refreshes in the breeze, Glows in the stars and blossoms in the trees, Lives thro' all life, extends thro' a extent, Spreads undivided, operates unspent—Breathes in our soul, informs our mortal part, As full as perfect in a hair as heart, As full as perfect in a man that mourns, As the rapt seraph that adores and burns"

The eye that sees Him not in the light and in the shade; the ear that hears Him not in the thunder & the whirlwind; the senses that perceive Him not in the delicacy & sensibility of their own organization, must be unanimated by a competent portion of that intellectual gem which forms the pride and the distinction of our species. His footsteps are marked on the face of universal Nature, by which, without the aid of Revelation, the observing mind is led up to Nature's God. From the globular drop that sparkles on a blade of grass, to the celestial orb rolling through the spheres, the soul can no where fix its meditations, without feeling the truth that there is one great Creator, constant preserver and supreme disposer of all. In the curious and wonderful organization of his own frame alone, man may easily perceive the work of supreme intelligence and consummate art and contrivance. "Were there no example in the world of contrivance, except the eye, (says the learned and judicious Doctor PALEY,) it would be alone sufficient to support the conclusion which we draw as to the necessity of an intelligent Creator. It could never be got rid of; because it could not be accounted for by any other supposition which did not contradict all the principles we possess of knowledge." That there is a God—a perceiving, intelligent, designing being, at the head of creation, and from whose will it proceeded, needs no process of abstruse reasoning to evince. The unity of God is manifest from creation—and particularly the unity of plan observable in the universe. The personality of the Deity, distinguished from what is sometimes called Nature, sometimes called a Principle, is directly inseparable from the manifestations of contrivance, with which creation every where abounds.—These terms nature and principle in the mouths of those who use them philosophically, seem to be intended to express an Agency, but to exclude and deny a personal Agency. Now that which can contrive, which can design, must be a person. These capacities constitute personality, for they imply consciousness and thought. They require that which can perceive an end or purpose, as well as the power of providing means, and of directing them to their end. They require a centre in which perceptions unite, and from which volitions flow: which is mind. The acts of a mind prove the existence of a mind; and in whatever a mind resides is a person. We have no authority to limit the properties of mind to any particular corporeal form, or to any particular circumscription of space." The natural and moral attributes of the Deity, though no less manifest from the works of Creation and Providence, are not all of them quite as obvious to immediate apprehension. The residue of this paper shall be employed to state very succinctly, the principal topics from which the former are inferred, reserving the latter for a future number.

"Now, the natural attributes of such a Being, must be adequate to the magnitude, extent and multiplicity of his operations, which are not only vast beyond comparison with those performed by any other power, but so far as respects our conception of them, infinite; because they are unlimited on all sides." As he was the first cause of all things, and "as the contriver must necessarily have existed before the contrivance, there could be no existence prior to Him.—Of his own existence there could be no antecedent cause. Therefore, he must of necessity be self-existent—without beginning. His omnipotence—or the idea of his infinite or indefinite power, seems to be inseparable from that of his being the prime cause or Creator. It is a power to which we cannot in idea assign any limits of space or duration. We can affix no boundaries to his actual creation, far less are we capable of imagining any bounds of his power to create. Infinite, therefore, in his power, he must be infinite in his omniscience—which is another attribute, "deducible from his nature as an intelligent being, joined with the extent, or rather universality, of his operations." He who hath made all things, must not only have known all that he hath made, but must continue equally to know them; and therefore be constantly and intimately acquainted with their positive and relative circumstances of time, place and action. He must also be capable of acting on all that he hath made—which is only to suppose his power

to preserve and to govern, equal to his power to create; or that his infinite power suffered no diminution by the act of creation. And this carries with it, of necessity, the idea of his omnipotence; by which he is as capable of constantly noticing his own works, as he is of knowing them, and as he was of creating them.

We are incapable of assigning any part of creation where he less appears to act, than in any other part. "In every part and place of the universe with which we are acquainted, we perceive the exertions of a power, which we believe, mediately or immediately, to proceed from the Deity. For instance, in what part or point of space, that has ever been explored, do we not discover attraction? In what regions do we not find light. In what accessible portion of our globe do we not meet with gravity, magnetism, electricity; together with properties also and powers of organized substances of vegetables or animated nature? Nay, what kingdom is there of nature, what corner of space in which there is any thing that can be examined by us, where we do not fall upon contrivance & design? Will it be said that only the laws of nature every where prevail and they are found to be uniform and universal.—But what do we mean by the laws of nature or by any laws? Effects are produced by power not by law. A law cannot execute itself—a law refers us to an agent. Now an agency so general as that we cannot discover its absence, or assign a place in which its continued energy is not found may be called universal; and the being in whom that power resides, or from whom it is derived may be said to be Omnipotent." In short, "where he acts he is; and where he is he perceives." And he who is self-existent, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, must be all-wise.—"The wisdom of the Deity as testified in the works of creation surpasses all ideas we have of wisdom drawn from the highest intellectual operations of the highest class of intelligent beings with whom we are acquainted; and whatever be its compass or extent, which it is evidently impossible that we should be able to determine, it must be adequate to that order of things under which we live." Much as we see to admire and to adore, our highest knowledge teaches us "how little can be known." 'Tis but a part we see and not the whole." As far as our faculties can reach we can trace the vestiges of divine wisdom; and just reasoning by analogy will dictate our belief that things beyond our comprehension are equally wise.

I shall close this short and imperfect sketch with a passage from Dr. PALEY'S Natural Theology (of which a free use hath already been made).—"Under this stupendous Being we live.—Our happiness, our existence, is in his hands. All we expect must come from him. Now ought we to feel our situation insecure. In every nature and in every portion of nature, which we can descry, we find attention bestowed upon even the minutest parts.—The hinges in the wings of an earwig and the joints of its antennæ, are as highly wrought as if the Creator had nothing else to finish. We see no signs of diminution of care by multiplicity of objects, or distraction of thought by variety. We have no reason to fear, therefore, our being forgotten or overlooked, or neglected."

Public Sale.

By virtue of a decree of the honourable the Chancellor of Maryland, will be exposed to Public Sale, on Monday the 17th day of February next, at Montgomery Court-House, ALL THOSE PARTS OF

TWO TRACTS OF LAND,

Situate in Montgomery county, called Snowden's Second Addition to his Manor, and Snowden's Manor Enlarged, formerly the property of Richard Snowden, junior, deceased, and supposed to contain about 1400 acres of land. These lands were by the said Richard Snowden, devised to John Snowden, his brother, and Samuel Thomas, his nephew, and have been decreed to be sold, as not being capable of division between the heirs of the said John Snowden, and heirs and devisees of a certain Richard Thomas, to whom the right of Samuel Thomas descended, as being his eldest brother and heir at law. The title of which the above sketch is given is indisputable. Plans of the lands will be made out and shown on the day of sale. These lands will be sold by the acre to the highest bidder, the purchaser or purchasers giving bond, with approved security for the payment of the purchase money, with interest, within 12 months from the day of sale. The trustee thinks it unnecessary to give any description of these lands, as he supposes persons inclined to purchase will view the premises themselves. Wm. Thomas who lives in the neighbourhood, and is well acquainted with them, will show them to any person who will call upon him. The sale will commence at 12 o'clock, at Robb's Tavern. Gerard H. Snowden, Trustee.

NOTICE.

Those who are indebted to St. John's College are hereby earnestly solicited to make immediate payment to the subscriber, who is authorized to receive the same.

Annapolis, Jan. 30. P. Curran, Jr.

PAUL'S DOMESTIC INFALLIBLE COLUMBIAN OIL.

THE inventor of this highly esteemed medicine is a native of America, and the composition is the production of American soil, consequently it is in every sense of the word domestic, it is not puffed up with a numerous train of pompous foreign certificates of persons from whom by the great distance that separates us 'tis impossible to obtain information, therefore the public has better security for their money as there cannot be the least shadow of deception to cover his medicine, for he simply appears before the community with his invention and an experimental detail of the various cases in which it really is so wonderfully efficacious, and in which he is supported by the following certificates of respectable characters, whose names are not only subscribed, but their persons may be also consulted, being residents within the circle of our own neighbourhood. The following are the complaints in which the Columbian Oil has been found so efficacious and rarely ever fails of effecting a cure, viz: Rheumatism, Consumption, Pains in any parts of the body, but particularly in the back and breast, Colds and External and Internal Bruises, Sprains and Flesh Wounds, Scalds and Burns, Whooping Cough & Mumps, and Dysentery or Bloody Flux, Cramp and the summer complaint in children, and in a weak stomach that is caused by indigestion, a constant sinking and loss of appetite, it will act as a powerful bracer to the relaxed fibre and restore it to its proper tone.

It seems also as if nature had ranked it the first of the class of all pectorals and expectorals for the relief of the breast and lungs, as it scarce ever fails of removing obstructions in either, particularly those who are troubled with a thick sputum or Asthmatic complaints who in the act of walking fast, stopping or lying down, are almost suffocated, half a teaspoonful of the Columbian Oil will render some relief instantaneously, and if continued agreeable to the directions in such cases, will prove a radical cure by producing the full power of inhalation to the lungs and free expansion to the breast.

CERTIFICATES OF ITS EFFICACY.

No. 1. Sept. 1809. I do certify, that I have been ailing nearly two years with a hectic cough and violent impression at the breast—I applied to the most eminent physicians and could get no relief from my low state of health, until I got Paul's Columbian Oil, and found immediate relief. I take this method of informing the public of the efficacy of this valuable medicine, from the cures which I have experienced.—I think it an incumbent duty to offer the same to the public. ELISHA SOWARD, Baltimore No. 16, Water-street, sign of the plough.

No. 2. Sept. 1809. SIR, From the great benefit I received from your Columbian Oil, I am induced to state, I was taken with a violent sore throat, about the 26th of August, which continued till the first of the month, when I applied your oil externally, and washed the part affected with the oil diluted in the same quantity of molasses, which took away pieces of purid flesh and healed my throat in about 48 hours.

N. B. I also certify, that I nursed my grandchild, and infant of 17 months old which was taken about the first of August with slow fevers and loss of appetite. We immediately applied for a physician who gave every attention for about two days but all to no effect; the child was given up by the physicians, and had every appearance of death, when I applied for Paul's Columbian Oil, and gave five drops morning and evening, for five days, when the child began to recover, and is now in perfect health.

MARY UNDERWOOD, Baltimore, by Peter's Bridge.

No. 3. Sept. 6. I hereby certify, that I had a cough and pain in my stomach for upwards of two years, when I was recommended to Paul's Columbian Oil. I procured one phial of that valuable medicine, which has restored me to a good state of health again. THOMAS ELLIOTT, On the Hook's-town road near the turnpike gate.

No. 4. Feb. 12, 1809. I have great reason to be very thankful for being recommended to Paul's Columbian Oil I had been afflicted with a violent pain in my back, so that I was not able to walk. I procured one phial of the oil, and I received immediate relief, & I have been very well ever since.

N. B. I had a violent toothach about two or three months ago, when I dropped a few drops of the above oil on some lint, and applied it to the tooth affected, and I received immediate relief.

ELEANOR ELLIOTT.

No. 5. SIR, I comply with your request of stating my opinion of Paul's Columbian Oil, being an effectual remedy for the tetter worm. I have been afflicted with the tetter in my hand for 12 years, and have made trial of many medicines which have been recommended, but all to no effect. Hearing of Paul's Columbian Oil, about the 15th of January last, proving an effectual cure for the ringworm, and similar complaints, I immediately got a phial of your Oil, and applied it agreeably to the directions for about two months successively—when the tetter left me, and has not made its appearance since.

SUSANNA PURDEN. N. B. My Susanna, a child aged 20 months & 6 days, was taken about the middle of July last, with a violent cough, which the neighbours said was the whooping cough; I gave her six drops of the Columbian Oil, which gave immediate relief, and proved an effectual cure. Saratoga street, Baltimore, Aug. 21, 1809.

The above valuable Medicine for sale by Childs & Shaw.

PUBLIC SALE.

By virtue of a deed of trust given by Richard Harrison, esquire, to the subscriber, will be offered at Public Sale, at Friendship, on Thursday the 20th day of February next, if fair, if not the first fair day thereafter, at 12 o'clock, About 300 Acres of Valuable Land,

Situate in the lower part of Anne-Arundel county, whereon the said Richard Harrison now resides. On this land is a good dwelling-house and every out-house necessary for a Farm.—The soil is well adapted to farming, and is congenial to the growth of clover and the use of plaister. This land lies within two miles of the navigable waters of Henric Bay, is well wooded and watered, is a healthy and beautiful situation, and justly ranks among the best farms in the county.

At the same time and place will be sold, to suit the convenience of the parties, Several Valuable Negroes, Consisting of Men, Women and Boys.—Terms made known on the day of sale by

Thomas Sellman, N. B. All persons having claims against the said Harrison, on judgment or otherwise, will oblige the subscriber by forwarding them on or before the day of sale, to

January 23, 1812. Thos. Sellman.

This is to give notice, THAT the subscriber hath obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration on the personal estate of James Harwood, late of the county aforesaid, deceased: It is therefore requested, that all persons who have claims against said estate bring them in legally proved and authenticated, so as to pass the orphans court, and all those who are in any manner indebted to the estate of the said deceased to make immediate payment to

WM. S. GREEN, Adm'r. Nov. 7, 1811.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having obtained from the orphans court of Anne-Arundel county, letters of administration de bonis non, on the personal estate of Nicholas Harwood, late of the county aforesaid, deceased, all persons having claims against said estate are requested to bring them in legally proved and authenticated, so as to pass the orphans court. And all those who are in any manner indebted to the said deceased are hereby requested to make immediate payment to

LEWIS DUVALL, Adm'r. de bonis non. Oct. 31, 1811.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber being, by a decree of the Honourable the Chancellor of Maryland, appointed trustee for the sale of the estate of George Mann, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, in pursuance of the directions of the said decree, hereby gives notice to all the creditors of the said George Mann, and also to all the creditors of Mary Mann, late of the city of Annapolis, deceased, to exhibit their respective claims, with their vouchers, properly authenticated, in the court of chancery, within six months from the 1st day of October next.

THOS. H. BOWIE, Trustee. Sept. 27, 1811.

NOTICE.

ALL persons are forewarned from trespassing, either with dog or gun, or crossing in any way whatever, on my Farms, known by the names of Belmont and Thomas's Point, or on my lands lying on Oyster, Fishing and Smith's Creeks, as the law will be put in force against any offender.

JEREMIAH T. CHASE. No. 14, 1811.

For Sale, Rent, OR TO BE LET ON SHARES.

The Farm called "Bodkin Point," containing 366 acres of land, of which 200 are cleared. This land is adapted for grain or grass, and well situated for conveyance of produce to market. Apply to John Gibson, Esq. living on Magdalen River, or to the Subscriber near Baltimore.

Richard Cotton, Baltimore, 20th Nov. 1811.

NOTICE.

THE subscriber having obtained letters of administration on the personal estate of Frederick Green, late of Anne-Arundel county, deceased, requests all persons having claims against the estate of the said deceased to present the same, legally authenticated, for settlement, & all persons indebted to the said estate to make immediate payment.

WM. S. GREEN, Adm'r.

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MARY

[LXVIIIth YEAR.]

George & John Barber,

their Store on the Dock, have on hand, and offer for Sale, a General Assortment of Goods,

- WHICH ARE THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES, VIZ.
- Superfine & Fine Flour,
 - Indian Meal, Corn, Oats
 - Salt, Castor Oil, boiled and raw,
 - Spermacetti & Fish Oil,
 - Spirits Turpentine,
 - White & Red Leads,
 - Yellow Ochre, Venetian Red, Spanish Brown, Verdigrise, Vermillion, Rose Pink, Patent Yellow, Spanish Whiting, Lamplack, Umber,
 - Essential Oils,
 - Best Alex. Leaf Sugar, Best equal Bait do. of 2d & 3d Brown do. Chocolate, Coffee,
 - Pepper,
 - Essence of Hyson,
 - Essence of Skin, &c.
 - Teas,
 - Four boxes of Raisins and Currants,
 - Pepper, Cloves, Nutmegs, Spice, Cinnamon, Pepper, Ginger,
 - Best Barley, Rice, Mustard, Fig Blue, Sarsaparilla, Salt Pepp. Brimstone, Perfumed Soap & Wash Balls,
 - Best quality Spanish & Amer. Segars,
 - First chop James River, small twigs, pig tail, & smoking Tobacco,
 - Lapsee & Scotch Snuff, Mocha & Dipped Candles,
 - White & Brown Soap, Best Pork, new & old Ham, Shoulders and Middlings,
 - Salmon, Mackarel, Herrings and Cod Fish, Cheese, Butter, Lard, Salted Oil, Basket Salt, Jarvison's Crackers, Pick Bread,
 - Window Glass 8 by 10 and 10 by 12.
 - A few imported Fancy Baskets,
 - Velvet Corks,
 - Combs, Pen Knives, Snuff Boxes,
 - A quantity of Beans & Peas.
 - Also a General Assortment of Crockery and Glass, Stone & Earthen Ware,
 - And a few Articles in the Dry Good Line.
 - An assortment of Castings, such as Pots, Ovens, Spiders, Skillets, Bakers and Andirons.

All the above Articles are offered for sale on the most reasonable terms for cash, or to those who have been punctual on the usual credit. To persons who reside in the country they will barter for different kinds of grain, &c.

THE PACKETS FOR BALTIMORE will commence running as soon as the navigation opens, and will continue regularly after the first of April, when persons will meet with a ready way for Goods of every description. Those carrying goods on board will be particular in discharging them at full length to prevent miscarriage, as the proprietors will not be answerable for them unless this request is complied with. Fare for passengers as usual, and every attention paid to those who favour them with their custom.

N. B. The subscribers earnestly request all those who have accounts of long standing to come forward and discharge the same, or pass their Notes for the amount. In order to accommodate such, a small part of their accounts will be received and credit given for the same. We forewarn all persons from trusting the hands with small bundles, as in case they should be lost we will not be answerable for the same. All those who have claims against us are requested to bring them in for settlement. Geo. & Jno. Barber. Annapolis, January 30, 1812.

FOR RENT,

THE CITY TAVERN, ANNAPOLIS, Now in the occupation of Mr. William Brewer.

It is the principal one in the place, and is exceeded by few in this state for the convenience of its accommodations. This establishment consists of two separate houses.—The one called the New House contains twelve large rooms, with fire-places, each large enough for four beds; a dressing table to each bed, and half a dozen chairs; also two rooms without fire-places. The Old House contains three large dining rooms, a Bar, bar room and dressing-room, on the first floor; a sitting-room and eight lodging rooms on the second floor, and very excellent garret-rooms for servants. There is an excellent Kitchen and wash-house—Stables sufficient for fifty horses, and a Billiard Room, on the premises—Also a fine Garden attached to the house, in which is a large and very good Ice-House. The terms will be made known on application to the subscriber, living in Annapolis, or to James Shaw, esq. Possession will be given at any time after the 12th day of March next.

The Subscriber will sell this Property at Private Sale. Thos. H. Bowie, Trustee. Annapolis, Jan. 30, 1812.

PRACTICAL PIETY,

BY HANNAH MORE. George Shaw, & Co. have received a few copies of Practical Piety, 2d edition, with a Memoir of the Author....price \$ 1.

ALSO

A Particular Account of THE CALAMITY AT RICHMOND.... Price 25 cts.

ALMANACKS FOR 1812. January 23.