THE WREATH.

THE SHADOW OF DEATH

[illegible]

THE CHRISTIAN PHILOSOPHER

THE EARTH.

[illegible] but [illegible] round the [illegible] the Earth, because we are [illegible] with its motions than with [illegible] planet. In its form it is globular; hence when a ship appears at sea we perceive first the masts and afterward the hull and lower parts of the vessel. That this is the true shape of the Earth is evident, because navigators have sailed completely round it; and by continuing in the same direction, have arrived at the place from whence they set out. The Earth is not however a perfect sphere, being something like an orange in shape; the axis on which it is supposed to turn passing through the centre of the orange from the place where the stem is [illegible]. The ends of the axis are called the Poles of the earth. The diameter at the Poles is [illegible] English miles, but at the Equator [illegible] miles. The earth revolves fully round its axis from west to east [illegible] by this means the alternate succession of the day and night is produced. When the side of the globe we inhabit is towards the Sun we enjoy the light; but when from the Sun we are in darkness. Beside this diurnal motion, the earth performs an annual revolution round the Sun at the rate of 99,000,000 miles. [illegible] this annual revolution, in consequence of the inclination of the earth's axis, which [illegible] the variation of the seasons, and the different length of the days and nights.

Light and heat are much more equally diffused by the inclination of the earth's axis, than they would be [illegible] by any other means. The inhabitants of those parts of the earth where the heat of the Sun, in consequence of the oblique direction of his rays, is the least, enjoy the longest days when the sun is in their hemisphere.

The unseen hand of the great Creator has preserved the axis of the Earth constantly parallel to itself, that is always pointing to the same star, ever since [illegible]. This is the more remarkable, when it is considered that the earth moves in its orbit with the surprising velocity of [illegible] miles in an hour, at the same time revolving round its axis in twenty-four hours. Yet has the wisdom of God so fixed the laws of nature, that we feel no inconvenience from the rapid motion, nor are we even sensible of it; for if a body be put in motion, it will always continue the motion of the other body, unless it be [illegible] from the impact of [illegible] while the vessel is [illegible] not felt by the vessel. For [illegible] results of the motion of the sun.

These various motions of the heavenly bodies [illegible] most striking evidence of the Providence of God and of his infinite [illegible]. While the earth remaineth, seed-time and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, and day and night, shall not cease. Successive generations, as they have succeeded, are a continued proof of this declaration. Every returning Sun brings with it a fresh proof of this truth. Let the [illegible] engage [illegible] to praise God for his goodness.

[illegible]

Not [illegible] be forgotten that the Earth is the theatre on which some of the most wonderful displays of Divine [illegible] and love have been exhibited. But [illegible] was [illegible] human [illegible] and [illegible] the ungodly and rebellious [illegible] Christ died, expired in agonies on the cross.—Here man fell; here man was redeemed—here the power of Satan [illegible] in the [illegible] is daily witnessed, and shall be felt [illegible] as long as the [illegible] shall endure.

[illegible] and approximate [illegible] most last [illegible] grounds and [illegible] power, have [illegible] with the earth [illegible] to the last, while the orbs of Heaven still remain. The Sun gives his light by day, and the Moon by night; the summer and the winter return in regular succession; and they shall remain until He, by whom all things exist, shall have accomplished the purposes of his love and mer-

[illegible] then the Earth [illegible] shall perish, and [illegible] they shall perish [illegible] like a garment; as [illegible] and they shall [illegible]

[illegible]

Rev. Jesse Harris, [illegible]

[illegible] the latter part of the [illegible]

[illegible]

Hon. and Rev. [illegible] were [illegible] residing at Epsom.

Never have [illegible] and [illegible] more [illegible]

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