

NOVA SCOTIA (5) ALMANACK.

however, consists in the inconceivably great distance of 37 millions of miles) is called Mercury; the next is named Venus; the next, Earth; the fourth in order, Mars; the fifth, Jupiter; the sixth, Saturn; and the seventh is called Goergium, having been so designated by its discoverer, in honour of a King of Great Britain. Beside these there are four small planets, or parts of some former planet, called asteroids, which appear between Mars and Jupiter. Five of the planets, we perceive, are distinguished by the names of fabled personages, which only had existence in the imagination of an idolatrous nation; one is simply named after one of the materials which compose it; and one has the name which, even in this generation, belonged to the venerated ruler of some Atlantic Islands. Thus men—creatures a few feet high, whose existence is a span, and who spring up and are cut down like flowers—attach names, familiar to their puny race, to the spheres, whose sizes, motions, and courses, remind of Infinitude and Eternity. Yet is man, in giving the stars names, and such names, too aspiring, too presuming? Vast as are the orbs of heaven, stupendous as are the phenomena which they include, the exquisite frame which his soul inhabits is not less a miracle, in its mystical beauty, than is Saturn with its moons and rings. And the soul of the pigmy! who will tell its worth? The memory, the imagination, the judgment, the ingenuity, which compose this spirit, in their god-like powers, laugh planets and suns to scorn. Everlasting in its nature,—when the orbs of heaven shall pass away with a great noise, the soul may be full of sublime peace and joy,—without fear of change or decay, exulting in the visible presence of the Deity, who will be the only Sun of that incorruptible World.

ECLIPSES.

IN the Year 1836 there will be FOUR ECLIPSES—two of the Sun, and two of the Moon; but one only of each will be visible at Halifax.

FIRST.—On Sunday, May 1st, the Moon will be partially eclipsed, (as follows) and visible here.

First contact of Penumbra, - - -	1h. 35'	} Mean Time, Morning.
First contact of Dark Shadow, - - -	2 50	
Ecliptic \oint - - - - -	3 44	
Middle or greatest Phase, - - - - -	3 52	
Last contact of Shadow, - - - - -	4 54	
Last contact of Penumbra, - - - - -	6 9	

4 1-5 digits eclipsed on the Moon's Southern Limb, inclining a little to the West. Duration of the Eclipse, 2h. 4'. Moon sets 4h. 51'—just as the eclipse is going off. The Moon will first touch and enter the Earth's shadow on her south east side, and will be last in contact on her south west limb.

SECOND.—The Sun will be partially eclipsed and visible, on Sunday, May 15th—