

THE PROTESTANT, AND EVANGELICAL WITNESS.

parties who practised the Constitution to the support of slavery are traitors—not only to the liberties of millions of enslaved countrymen, but traitors to the Constitution itself, which they have sworn to support. “A government of my country; the word Slave is not to be found. I read, ‘We, the people of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice—, etc., establish justice— to promote the general welfare, as to secure the blessing of liberty to ourselves and our posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.’”

Mr. Housack concludes his appeal in the following strain of eloquence:—

“Part of which is false, and from your reading and interpretation of the law, the jury have found me guilty of carrying out the great principles of the Declaration of Independence—yes, guilty of carrying out the still greater principles of the Son of God. Great God, can these things be? Can it be possible? What country is this? Can it be that I live in a land boasting of freedom, of equality, of justice, of truth?—that I stand here, in this hall, in this pia-cow down and worship this great image set up in this nation? Yes, the jury say guilty, but recommend me to the mercy of the court. Mercy, sir, is kindness to the guilty. I am guilty of no crime: I therefore ask for no mercy. No, sir, I ask for no mercy; I ask for justice. Mercy is what I ask for; justice is all I ask. Justice in the courts of my beloved country is all I ask. Justice is the inhuman infamy that has been wrong, not me.”

“My feelings are at home. My wife and my children are dear to my heart; but, sir, I have counted the cost. I am ready to die, if need be, for the oppressed of my race; but slavery must die, and when my country shall have burst through the terrible conflict which the destruction of slaves will bring, when the strength of the greatest struggle shall be conspicuously written, the answer of Jim Gray will be considered as having done honor to God, to humanity, and to themselves.”

“I also there is no appeal from this court, yet I do appeal to the court of high heaven, when Judge Drama-

well, and Judge Clinton, the recorder, and the recorder,

will all have to stand at the judgment seat of the Most High.”

Treasury.

The Atonement of Christ.

Throughout the Mosaic economy, the doctrine of an atonement was set forth in lively colors by the bleeding victims on the Jewish altar. Apostles spoke of it in the most unequivocal terms, and apostles called it as the fundamental article of Christianity: yes, the excommunication of John, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world,” was but the echo of what patriarchs, priests, and prophets had proclaimed ages before.

A very distant view of the perfections of Deity, connected with a little acquaintance with human depravity, will convince any man, whose eyes are not blinded by the gaudy of this world, to receive the sentiments of the apostle, “that without shedding of blood there is no remission; and this sober truth admitted will render the stonement of Christ an essential doctrine.”

The victim which infinite wisdom appointed was no other than the coequal Son of God; and because Deity could not suffer, body and spirit, for him, the perfect humanity might bleed in sacrifice, and that the sacrifice might be acceptable and meritorious by virtue of its union with the Deity. An angel, nay, all the angels in heaven, would not have been a sufficient sacrifice for man: the guilt is infinite, and the stonement must be infinite; too; therefore, none but an infinite Being could become the victim. “Here is love,” unparalleled love, “not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”—Iron.

Spiritual Joy.

We attempt to give a blind man an idea of the purple blush of morning, or of the glorious beauty of the rainbow, our attempt will be a vain one. So also if we attempt to give an unconverted man an idea of spiritual joy—of joy in God—the attempt will be equally vain. He can understand that an escape from the anger of God may be a subject of rejoicing. He can understand that the favor of God is a thing to be desired, an account of the pain it may deliver from, and the happiness it may occasion. But this is not to have an idea of joy in God—of spiritual joy. This must be felt in order to be understood.

There is such a thing as joy in God—something distinct from the emotion awakened by a view of evils avoided and advantages secured. It is the highest joy the soul can experience. How seldom is it experienced! How seldom is it sought!

Professing Christians, do you know anything of this joy. You are constrained to use language relating to it. Does that language express a reality relating to it? Do you not know what it is to rejoice in God?

If you are a Christian, how pawsit not aim at the highest joy within your reach!

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Intellectual Culture.

The mind of man is noble. It peculiarly distinguishes him from the other inhabitants of earth. It elevates him in the scale of creation, and constitutes his crowning excellence. Hence, the great importance of mental improvement, and the duty of assiduously cultivating the intellectual powers. When allowed to lie dormant, these do not tend much to exhibit man's excellence and superiority. When he remains in a state of ignorance, he acts very much from blind impulse. He is influenced by passion; he is guided by prejudice. Hence, he is frequently swayed into error, and his actions are neither creditable to himself nor beneficial to his race. But when his understanding is rightly informed, and his intellectual powers are well cultivated, he is, to a great extent, elevated above the pernicious influence of blinded passion, and freed from the ensnaring trammels of popular prejudice. His views are extended beyond the narrow circle of selfish existence; and his principles are founded on the unerring dictates of truth, and the sober deductions of reason. He becomes acquainted with the laws of nature in all their variety of her operations, and perceives beauty, and harmony, in the processes of her development. The exhibitions of her crowning maturity, is the ar-
eola of her numerous parts.

in the course of his adaptation to confer such advantages upon us, as those of the establishment of a College in our state; we had

the opportunity of promoting mental improvement;

and, it must be admitted, it cannot fail to be of great benefit.

During the course of his studies, he conducted a number of scientific investigations.

No doubt, the schools in operation in the state of Wales, Charlotte, and many other places, are of great value.

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