

lived in them and for them, and died, firmly trusting in the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. If there had been any frauds or shams about our most Holy Faith, Dr. Johnson would have found them out and exposed them for he had a keen scent for impositions of all kinds.

I will close this article by a brief reference to some of the *bon-mots* of the great Samuel. They would make a very spicy and readable book by themselves. Here is one of them. When he had finished his dictionary he received a note from his publishers in these words: "Andrew Miller sends his compliments to Dr. Johnson, with the money in payment for the last sheet of his dictionary, and thanks God he is done with him." To this rude note Johnson replied, "Samuel Johnson sends his compliments to Andrew Miller; and is very glad to notice, as he does by his note, that Andrew Miller *has grace to thank God for anything.*"

He said of the old Romans: "A people that while they were poor robbed mankind, and when they got rich robbed one another."

Johnson never lost an opportunity of getting off a joke on the Scotch. Witness his definition of oats—"what they feed men on in Scotland and horses in England." During a dinner given by Boswell, at which were present Johnson, Goldsmith, and the Rev. John Ogilvie, a Scottish minister, the conversation turned on Scotland—Ogilvie observed that Scotland had many noble, wild prospects;" to which Johnson replied, "I believe, sir, you have many—Norway, too, has noble wild prospects and Lapland is remarkable for prodigious, noble, wild prospects. But, sir, let me tell you, the noblest prospect that a Scotchman ever sees is the high road that leads him to England."

Johnson's opinion of his contemporary, George Whitfield, was not very flattering. He would not allow much for his oratory. "His popularity is chiefly owing to the peculiarity of his manner. He would be followed by crowds were he to wear a night-cap in the pulpit or preach from a tree."

These are given as examples of the remarkable power of repartee, caustic wit and hatred of any display of egotism and self-conceit, which belonged to him, and which he neglected no opportunity of exercising in sledge-hammer style.