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INTRODUCTION

Alexander Campbell, born in northern Ireland in 1788, died at Bethany, West Virginia, in 1866, the respected leader of the American religious movement known variously as Disciples of Christ, Church of Christ, or the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.) Campbell wrote many volumes and spoke often on his religious views on the then frontier of the United States. He attracted many followers who, with evangelical zeal, organized congregations of Christians for the purpose of reuniting the Church on the basis of the New Testament.

Many studies have been made of Alexander Campbell, of his writings and of his movement. Until fairly recently, however, little has been known ring the winter of 1808-1809 which he and his family spent in Scotland. During that time he availed himself of the opportunity to study at the celebrated University of Glasgow. For the first time, the young Campbell's notes of his winter's work are presented publicly.

It is hoped that this transcription, making his essays and notes available for reading and study, will lead not only to an appreciation of the discipline Alexander received in his months at the University but also to some insight into the course of study available to the young students at the University of Glasgow in the first decade of the nineteenth century. There is both specific and general interest in such documents. It is possible they will prove helpful to all scholars interested in this period of church history.

The existence of Alexander Campbell's essays and notes from his days as a student at Glasgow University has been known since 1952 if not before. In that year a hand-written manuscript entitled "Juvenile Essays written at University of Glasgow 1808-1809" was sent from Australia to E. Hugh Behymer, then Librarian of Bethany College, and was placed in the college's historical collection. It is supposed it was a part of the Campbell materials taken to Australia by the Barclay family in 1920-21. Since then additional materials were discovered (in 1965) and were given into the custody of the Disciples of Christ Historical Society.

The "Juvenile Essays" were called to my attention shortly after I joined the faculty of Bethany College in 1953. Work on the transcription of the essays was begun early in 1955 but one claim to duty and another made it necessary to put them aside. Only with a recent research leave from Christian Theological Seminary has it been possible for them to be finished at this time.

The transcription was not as easy as might be assumed. The hand-writing is that of a twenty-one year old student. The essays and other materials were undoubtedly hastily written and the quality of the writing

varies from page to page. There are the usual differences between the British and the American style of spelling. There are oddities of spelling and handwriting typical of the late eighteenth century but difficult for twentieth century eyes to decipher. There are faded words and even pages. The work was done mainly with the aid of a large magnifying glass.

The transcription is presented as nearly as possible just as Campbell wrote it. The archaic (also the British) spelling and most of the punctuation is left so that something of the flavor of the original is retained. It is hoped that this gives interest to the reading and will leave no question as to exactness and accuracy.

A word is in order here about the quality of the essays and notes. They are typical of the college and university student; neither better nor worse. They should not be expected to reflect maturity. They are "juvenile." Young Alexander's vocabulary is admirable when compared to today's standards and reflects classical training. He uses words such as "analogous," "contiguity" and "perspicuous" with ease (and spells them correctly.) When it is considered that at this time in the United States most literate persons wrote and spelled poorly it is noteworthy that the young Campbell could spell and express himself so clearly. One is amazed not that there are occasional mistakes in spelling or grammar but that there are so few. It is to be remembered also that this is a period when spelling and grammar were just being standardized. The reader will notice occasional touching references to his recent experiences in leaving his Irish home.

In a "Preface" apparently written some years after the main body of material, Campbell reveals that the essays were "given out" to the students of the first Philosophy Class for exercise "in order to bind those subjects on the minds of the students and to enable them to compose, and write down in a distinct manner, what they knew." Campbell admonishes a future generation that, ". . . if at any time this book should fall into the hands of any critick or censorious persons, he may know that it is not the perfect production of the author but only the bold sallies of Youth towards improvement. . ."

The young Alexander Campbell is described at this time as "tall, athletic and well built." There was about him an air of frankness and of self-reliance. This was well because his father, Thomas, was in America, and with his mother devoting her attention to the six younger children, it was necessary for the oldest son to give general oversight to family affairs and look after many details of family life. This was the way things stood when late in the summer of 1808 the family was ready to leave Ireland and to join the father in the United States. At Londonderry they had taken passage on an ill-fated ship which was wrecked off the coast of Scotland. For various reasons, but especially because it would permit Alexander to take courses at the university, the family decided to winter in Glasgow. They made their way to the city armed with letters of reference and taking lodg-

ing, early in December, young Campbell was enrolled in the University of Glasgow. They stayed in Glasgow the remainder of that school year (the last essay is dated June 1, 1809) and in August, 1809, the family sailed for New York. It was during the period from December, 1808, to June, 1809, these essays and notes were written.

Before going further into the background of the essays let us turn to a brief history and description of the University of Glasgow. It is important to know something of the university's organization and curriculum.

The winter of Alexander Campbell's matriculation in the University of Glasgow was near the three hundred and fiftieth year of its birth. It had been founded in the middle of the fifteenth century by the medieval church on authority of Pope Nicholas V. Through the years its fortunes had fluctuated but during the eighteenth century, it had become a very famous center of learning. In 1808-1809 the university was still riding the crest of this wave.

The governing body at that time included a chancellor, elected for life; a principal, also elected for life; and a rector with his council of four deputies, elected triennially by the students voting in "nations" according to their birthplace. Other officers of the university were the scribe or registrar; the bursarius or treasurer; the promoter, corresponding to the modern admissions officer; and the bedellus, who combined the offices of sergeant-at-arms and janitor. In the beginning there were only four faculties or colleges: Arts, Theology, Canon Law, and Medicine; and each was organized separately. All the teachers in these colleges were required by oath to maintain peace and harmony among the various faculties. At first all the officers of the university had lived together in one building; but through the centuries many buildings and faculty members had been added.

Alexander Campbell's months at the university were just at the end of a period of brilliant intellectual stirring. Scotland was now reaping the rich harvest of past struggles for intellectual and religious freedom. It was a remarkable period in literature, in philosophy, in commerce, in economic and social science, as well as in the development of the church. There was indeed great progress in almost every department of human activity. This was due partly to the better understanding existing between Scotland and England, to commercial expansion, to the growing sympathy between the Highlands and the Lowlands; but largely it was the result of increased educational interest.

Scotland was small, but, out of all proportion to its size, greatly influenced the intellectual world of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Skepticism and rationalism were rampant in England and on the continent but Scotland stood as a stronghold of the faith. The teachers of the University of Glasgow were more or less successful in relating the principles of inductive reasoning and the Christian faith, while other teachers and universities were sacrificing either one or the other.

The University of Glasgow, at the time of Alexander's studies there,

was in the forefront of those institutions teaching the new science and as Bacon and Newton were studied more and more, Aristotle was studied less. However, as the reader will see in the essays of the young Campbell, Aristotle's logic was still important in the general studies. Several of the university's outstanding professors either taught or influenced Campbell.

In 1808, when Alexander matriculated in the university, the influence of the famous Thomas Reid was still heavy on the curriculum. Reid taught at Glasgow from 1764 until his death in 1796 and probably taught Thomas Campbell, the father of Alexander. Starting with the empiricism of Locke and the rationalistic philosophy of Hume, Reid contended that the eye of the mind conveys irresistible and necessary convictions, which we both feel and judge to be true, and his emphasis on the power of spiritual perception gave rise to the intuitionism by which his philosophy was described. This "common sense" philosophy was a conservative reaction against the skepticism of Hume, and Reid's school was about the only current British philosophy which gave hearty support to orthodox Christian faith. Reid's philosophy undoubtedly had a profound influence on the later developments of Alexander Campbell's deepest convictions.

The highly respected John Young, professor of Greek at the university from 1774-1820 was one of Thomas Campbell's teachers and quite possibly taught Alexander in 1808-1809. Young was spoken of at the time as "the profound grammarian and master of elocution" and apparently gave lectures in science as well as Greek, adopting ingenious methods of instruction. Another of the great Glasgow teachers of the late eighteenth and early nineteenth century was George Jardine, professor of logic and *belle-lettres*. If he was not teaching in 1808-1809 someone who used his methods definitely was. The essays in Alexander's note-book follow Jardine's methods precisely. Jardine believed students should know Latin and used the writings of Quintilian as a textbook in rhetoric. (Quintilian is quoted in several of the essays.)

Jardine was a great educationalist and introduced many improvements in university teaching. He had great faith in oral examination and held that written essays plus such an examination were more useful to the student than hearing lectures. Carrying his theory into practice Jardine required papers to be written weekly for homework, to be gone over later by him and returned to the student with comments and criticisms added. The essays of this collection are essentially that kind of exercise. It was said of him that he had "plain downright common sense, and his great aim and object was to make his pupils think for themselves on a variety of subjects."

It should be pointed out that the university, though emphasizing the scientific method, strongly repudiated the natural theology which attempted to make science the basis of religion. The professors took care to insist that science only gave a method and that the world must continue to look to revealed religion for spiritual motivation.

The manuscript consists of about 180 pages of fine bond paper (with

a crown and "C.W. Mott" as watermark) written in ink. It may be supposed the pages were bound in boards at some time after Campbell's arrival in America; probably after he established a printing press and bindery at Bethany, perhaps in the 1830s. Towards the end of the book there is a "Contents" which reveals the titles of the essays. The subjects covered a range from "On Genius" and "The Causes that gave rise to a Written Language" to the "Construction of Sentences" and the "Verb."

Of special interest are the essays "On Logic," "On the Socratic Dialogue," "On the Syllogism," and "On the Aristotelian Method of Dispute." Alexander Campbell, the university student, learned his lessons well. Here is revealed for the first time the fact that he was drilled in the best grammatical construction, the use of logic and, most important of all to the future church leader and debater, the use of the syllogism and Aristotelian argument. Thus we see that Campbell arrived on the American frontier in 1809 with superior equipment for the work that lay ahead of him. How many American church leaders of this time were one-half so well prepared in logic and debate?

The essays and writings as a student in Glasgow give new and vital information about the young Campbell not previously known. Of even more interest to church historians, however, are the materials in the manuscript written at the same time but not directly related to university study. There is an extensive series of notes from an address by John Walker of Dublin, the noted early nineteenth century evangelical, taken on some occasion when Campbell had heard him address the Methodists in Ireland. These reveal Campbell's early interest in "taking the Scriptures alone for the standard of faith." There is an interesting section entitled "General Observations on Church Government: derived from the Scriptures." It is not clear if these are Campbell's thoughts or notes taken by him from another source, but they are important in the light of his later work in this area. The question of an ordained eldership and the equating of elders with bishops is treated extensively. This is an interest of Alexander's developed much earlier than previously supposed.

At the very end of the book there is a complete account of Campbell's sermons preached in the second year of his ministry beginning July 15, 1811. In addition to the text used, the date and place of delivery is also given. The statement "with wine" in the margin refers undoubtedly to an observance of the Lord's Supper. These facts will help historians better understand Alexander's activities during his first years in America, the formative years.

For some reason Campbell was interested in the growth of the Methodist church in the United States. The final entry in the manuscript gives a brief history of the Methodist church in America and a table showing its growth from 1773 through 1810, the last year for which there is a figure. This may have been written during Campbell's first year in America as he

sought to understand religious development on the frontier of western Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Here, then, is a new primary source for the use of students of the history of the Campbell-Stone movement. Such a source sheds new light on the formation of a great Christian leader in America on the frontier in the nineteenth century. It reveals his early thoughts and interests and discovers his early training in logic and debate as well as attempts at expressing himself in effective manner. From these materials grew the future editor, educator and debater.

A study of these materials should suggest many lines of future research for Campbell scholars and for church historians. What effect did Campbell's notes on Walker have on his later writings on faith and theology? Scripture passages were frequently cited as authority for particular observations on church government. These biblical references should be compared with Campbell's early preaching texts. Is there a relationship? Other topics will undoubtedly suggest themselves to the reader as Campbell's early ideas on various subjects are discovered. In these essays and notes for the first time, many of the formative influences on Alexander Campbell are revealed. It is my hope that the transcription and publication of these early Campbell materials will assist in our continued effort to understand an earlier period in American Christianity.

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Alexander Campbell

manuscript

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Juvenile Essays

on various subjects

by

Alex r. Campbell

in

The University

of

Glasgow 1808-1809

3 PREFACE—

The following essays were given out to the students of the first Philosophy Class for exercise upon the various subjects discussed in that class in order to bind those subjects on the minds of the students and to enable them to compose, and write down in a distinct manner, what they knew. The subjects are in general upon useful parts of literature; and are Written in a simple clear style keeping close to the subject under discussion, for such Essays are required. No diviation from the subject in hand; no digressions are acceptable in such a class;—The intension of writing them out here in the following manner is to preserve the Essays for the sake of retrospection that at any future period the author may look back at former states of mind and habits of composition and may

4 from thence judge of improvement in composition knowledge of those subjects, style, etc. etc.

The intention of writing this preface is: if at any time this book should fall into the hands of any critick or censorious person, he may know that they it is not the perfect production of the author but only the bold sallies of Youth towards improvement, let him consider that he himself, though wise as he is, was once upon the same ladder and had to rise up to his high station step by step, and tho' he have gained the steep ascent let him not look with scorn upon him who follows hard in the same path knowing that perseverance will subdue all the difficulties and bear

the bold adventurer to the same
 height, and perhaps in circling months
 the day may come that the author
 will bid diffiance to him who
 should demean himself to criticise
 the attempts of Youth — —

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**ESSAY First
 on
 Genius**

1 It is proposed to define what genius is, 2d what are its criteria, 3 upon what faculties it more emphatically depends, 4 what relation have this with its Criteria, 5 what are the concomitants of genius, and 6 to describe the early indications of it in the Minds of Youth. —

1st. WHAT GENIUS Is. The etymology of the term genius is somewhat ambiguous. Some derive it from the Latin *ingenium*, which signifies wit, humour, or disposition ; as Horace says, "indulgere ingenium" (I indulge his humour,) and at another time "deterere culper ingenio," (to spoil it through any natural defect;) others derive it from genius, or genii, a word from the heathen mythology; which the Heathens used; to denote a good, or bad angel; that was appointed to guide, defend, or to punish, the men; over whom it presided, as they deserved—

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The latter would seem the most natural and specious derivation. Genius is not used to denote any new faculty of mind. We dont say a man possessed of the faculty of genius but we say a man of genius, — — — — hence genius when applied to the understanding of men implies a su-

perior degree of knowledge excellency in all the faculties of the mind, a Readiness and clearness of perception and Reflection, a hardiness and proneness of attention, a facility of abstraction & Generalization, tenacity of memory but above all a strength and warmth of Imagination, with a soundness of Judgement and depth of Reason.

A man who desires the honorable appellation of a man of genius must be possessed of the above endowments not only of some of them but of all for if there be the least weakness or defect in any of them he may be a man of abilities but can lay in no claim for a Man of Genius, for as the least defect in any wheel or

- 7 spring of a machine would derange and disconcert the whole, so the least breakup in any even the least serviceable faculties of the understanding would discompose and debilitate those higher and more important faculties of the mind which are the very bases and pillars of GENIUS. But as the cause may often be better examined and illustrated in the effect we shall proceed to examine the effects of genius in the productions of those men whether in science or not; who in all ages and in all nations; have been esteemed men of genius; and first we observe that their productions have been characterised for Invention, Discovery and Creation, hence for the second part of the subject we state — — — — Invention, Discovery and Creation to be the Criteria of genius — — But as these terms are of an ambiguous signification it will be essentially necessary to define them in the sense here received.

- 8 INVENTION is here used to denote a forming of new combinations and relation out of materials that were never combined or existed in the same relation before; as for example the invention of gunpowder. Here is a combination of charcoal, sulphur and saltpetre that never existed before in the same relation. This term is mostly used in arts. Discovery signifies a finding out of new combinations and relations that did exist but were never known before, such as Newton's & Herschial's discoveries in Astronomy in finding out the magnitude, order, motion, and distance of all the heavenly bodies; the time & quantity of eclpyses and all the other celestial phoenomena, also the discoveries of natural philosophers and mechanicks. This term is mostly used in the sciences.

Creation. This term is more ambiguous than the 2 former being applicable to the works of the Author of Nature and to the production of Men of Genius — — — —

- 9 When applied to the Works of God it means a forming things out of nothing that never existed before in any nature. But when applied to mens invention signifies the same with invention nearly making combinations and Relations that never existed before. These are the Criteria of Genius — — —

— 3 —

Upon the faculties genius more emphatically depends-----

It was before stated that genius depended on the perfection of all the faculties, but the faculties upon which it strongly depends are Imagination and Reason, especially on Imagination, but Imagination is that faculty in which almost all the other faculties concentrate; a vigorous, warm,

prolifick Imagination active in its exertions from the field of memory collects, combines, and reproduces such materials as may best suit the end in view. Thus, for example, Homer when he began to write the Trojan war in an epick poem, being well acquainted with the history and traditions of those times respecting it-----

- 10 having read them over frequently and being much impressed with the several tails in those histories and traditions he thought of forming the whole into an epick poem and accordingly set about it. Now his WARM PROLIFICK Imagination collects and combines all the circumstances, characters, events, battles, etc., and reproduces them to his mind. Thus from his Reason his mind choses such parts as best suit his intentions, rejecting those that do not. In this manner Imagination befriends the Genius. —Reason too being inventive in finding out judgements, invents new Relations and intermediate steps to the acquirement of the Judgment to form this invention which is one of the Criteria of genius; and the assistance reason gives in choosing and Rejecting from the field of memory such materials as the subject requires. These are the pillars of genius, in fine these 2 faculties include all others in a certain degree — — — —

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What Relation have these 2 faculties with the Criteria — — — —

Imagination is closely related to Creation and Invention, 2 of the Criteria of genius, in the following respects; first, it is in itself inventive and Creative. It is the combining faculty, all the new

- Combinations which so much distinguish
Genius originate in Imagination, from
the materials formerly acquired by
perception & reflection and reclaimed by mem-
ory. Imagination forms all the new
combinations: thus for example—
I perceived, sometime since, a certain
machine, in which, upon reflection
I find there are some defects; which are
susceptible of improvement; therefore
there is room for improvement —
but by perception and reflection I cant
discover what this improvement
may be, but by imagining it first
in one situation then in another
I find out at length wherein these
deficiencies may be corrected
- 12 and the whole machine improved.
This is an Invention upon an Invent-
ion ; by this act of Imagination I
can either find out new inventions or improve upon
old Inventions one which Imagina-
tion by abstracting certain qualities
from numberless objects, combines
them in a manner unknown by
one at another time by generaliz-
ing where the Imagination gets
full scope: and from a thousand
kinds of things formerly perceived
extends its wide domain to number-
less objects unperceived and presents
them in as clear & conspicuous manner
to the mind as those we actually
perceived before and from which
we got lively impressions—
for example, let us look to the
memorable Milton whose warm
vigorous and unbounded Imag-
ination
- 13 now quickly soars through the
blest abodes and descends big
with heavenly Vision; next
gently descends down to the

dark abodes, regions dark &
 terrible with borrow, acting swollen
 with infernal apparition; and by
 a quick transition reverts Eden
 the delightful mansion of the other
 happy parents of mankind. Thus
 did his eager keen Imagination
 fly from earth to heaven, from
 heaven to hell, and through the
 dark abyss sought our father's
 Paradise. Then his genius blazes
 forth with a poem, the pride, the
 glory and the boast of British genius.
 Reason is the other pillar
 of Genius. The issue of Reason is
 Discovery the other grand Criteria
 of Genius.

14 In every act of Reason then is
 Invention and in some of the
 more complex acts Invention
 appears in full lustre: —
 The end and intention of all our
 reasoning is to discover things
 unknown: if we knew and could
 understand all things intuitively
 Reason would not be requisite to
 our existence—but in our present
 existence this faculty is that which
 distinguishes us from the brutal
 Creation; all our discoveries depend
 on it. It is this for example: It
 is proposed that a straight line falling upon
 another straight line makes then
 either 2 right angles or are together
 equal to 2 right angles. This
 upon a small process of Reason
 appears quite obvious but in my
 demonstration of this proposition
 I discover if the straight lines be
 produced the other angles
 on the other side of the base

15 are equal to 2 right angles. Here is
 a discovery from Reason. Now Invention,

Discovery and Creation are the
Criteria of genius and depend
upon and are closely united &
related with these 2 faculties
Imagination and Reason—

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What are the concomitants of
Genius?

Taste is, in a certain sense, a con-
comitant of Genius: altho it does
not follow that taste is an indi-
cation of genius, yet genius always
is accompanied with taste. Many
can lay in a claim for Taste, at least
a degree of it, who can lay in no
claim for a man of Genius—

Men of genius dont always possess Taste
in a high degree but all in a certain
degree. Homer has displayed a
want of taste in some instances—
he introduces histories of genealogies,
wounds, etc., which a correct taste

- 16 would have omitted; also Milton the
boast of Brittain introduces some
pieces of scholastick Divinity and
theological discussions that
good taste would have passed over.

Yet all men of Genius have a certain,
a good, degree of Taste— —

Closeness and keenness of attention
is also a concomitant of genius.

Tis admirable how far close atten-
tion will go in creating Genius.
Even persons of only midling endow-
ments from nature, by a well
regulated attention or close appli-
cation, have performed in science
and art so as to merit the name
of Genius.

Warm ardour of feeling, and a
degree of enthusiasm are concom-
mitants of genius. An ardour of feel-
ing is a sure concomitant of Genius
and Poets. Men of genius have

- thought themselves ever influenced
from their enthusiasm—
- 17 Homer begins with invoking the
goddess:
**"Mhnin, aeide, qea, phleiadew acileos
ou! onenh"**
(Achilles wrath to grace the direful spring,
Of wars unnumbered heavenly Goddess sing.)
And Milton:
"Of mans first disobedience and the
fruit of that forbidden tree whose
mortal taste brought Death into the
world etc." "sing heavenly Muse."
6 Early Indications of
Genius:
1st an ardent desire of improvement
expressed by an inquisitive curi-
osity, attention to instruction,
patience and pleasure of improvement.
An early fondness for Reading,
a Distinctness and tenacity of memory,
sensibilities of our nature; as well as
Intellectual turn; a love of fame,
with a keenness and activity in juve-
nile Recreation—these are all
strong indications of Genius in Youth—
- 18 I conclude with this saying in
favor of youthful indication, this
same is made use of by Quintilian
in his "Marks Favorable in Youth to
Improvement"—
"Puerille mihi delux, quem laus
excitat, quern gloria juvat qui
victus fleat"
"Give me the boy whom praise
Excites, whom glory assists &
who weaps when conquered."

On the causes that gave rise
to a written language. Also
the differences between written
or visible, and spoken, or

audable language— — — —

In the infant state of Nations, when countries were thinly inhabited, the few Inhabitants congregated themselves into those parts of the Countries that were most delectable to themselves, and congruous to their conjoined Intensions—being thus formed into small societies, they in a great measure lived independent, each society finding a competent supply for all its demands within itself, rarely communicated with any others....

20 In this situation then, language was very scant, having little to communicate any more than what respected external sensible objects; and some of their strongest passions. Their sensible signs were very few, but in general most expressive, —but when population increased, and man began to multiply upon the earth, their wants, desires, & sensible signs increased. — Men began by degrees to emerge out of those rude and uncultivated Societies, and to become more refined. And in a short time states and nations began to flourish. Politeness, complaisance, and some of the liberal Arts began to be cultivated, and Rudeness, barbarity, and incivility were completely exterpolated—In language new signs were invented, and old ones improved.—But now from this happy reverse,

21 on the general face of things

an entire change took place among families and societies. Families, and intimate members of society, were severed: one was constrained to remove here; and another to go hence; the beloved son, and tender parents were separated; and all the close connections completely broken up. Now what could be more natural than that the tender parent should long and vehemently desire, to communicate with their darling child; and the child with its affectionate parent. No doubt but the husband with the wife and the lover with his mistress— Even amongst men of business, when business obliged them to separate, and then to communicate. Now it was absolutely impossible that all these upon every important, much less every trivial, circumstance which might be desirable to communicate, which set out upon long expeditions

- *21 journeys by land and voyages by sea; the former with difficulty, and the latter owing to the infant state of navigation, most perilous— and verbally face to face to communicate—All this surely suggested some new art, to facilitate and obviate all these difficulties - Another obvious invention, that love of fame, and ambitious desire that is implanted in some noble breast, and most in the breasts of heroes, and great men of renown these wished to perpetuate the remembrance of their mighty deeds and to transmit to posterity their many valorous actions—and even when consigned to the bosom of their parent Earth they wished to

**Note:* Campbell has two p. 21 s in the manuscript.

have that spot made almost
sacred, or at least to be rendered
memorable to posterity.—
This they attempted to do by
erecting statues, and monuments
crusted with Hierglyphicks—

- 22 But these they saw unable to wrestle
with times cankering hand; they
see them tumble down, " and the
deep cut stones unsteady to the
test give up their charge"—
All then corroborate to the invention
of a more lasting remembrance.
Some happy genius at length
found out an art to answer all
whose names lie buried in
oblivion entombed with the
wreck of nations. Yes that happy
genius who discovered one of the
most important and useful arts
to which society is so much
indebted for much of their happiness,
lies in some neglected spot, "neither
distinguished by a monumental
pile, or by the historick page"—

I now proceed to the second part
of the subject, to point out the
difference between an audable and
visible language which is done
in a few words — —

1st Audable language is composed

- 23 of sounds that address the ear
and of course all communications by
audable signs must be face to face,
or at least within the reach of hearing
and the organ or instrument made
use of is the tongue. Now for as the
nature of sounds being of an
immediate perishing nature,
it behoves the hearer to be attentive
and to exert his memory else he has
heard in vain. The sound part cant be
reheard, and when memory fails

all our acquirements by hearing are lost for ever—Not so a written language. This addresses the eye, and the instrument is the hand, this can be reseen and compared and had in lasting remembrance. This is lasting and certain, that is fleeting, transitory and uncertain; this speaks when the speaker is dead—that dies with the speaker—so is visible and audible language.

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ESSAY 3d
on the
ALPHABET of every Language
December 30th, 1808

When we take a retrospective glance, into the brighter ages of remote antiquity, and view the concatenation of events, that gave rise to the present state of writing by an Alphabet; we are struck with admiration, and astonishment. No human invention ever was so replete with universal utility. Its advantages are innumerable, its importance of the first magnitude, and the happiness, pleasures & comforts that it hath diffused through society, are unutterable; and what is most remarkable it must have been the Invention of the first, and rudest nations.

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Having in a former essay pointed out the reasons that gave rise to a written language: we shall now proceed to give an account of the rise and progress of it — WRITING is an improvement upon speech, and of course must have been posterior to it. At first men thought only of communicating face to face by means of sounds which addressed the ear, and

- were uttered: Afterwards they thought of communicating when absent and far distant, and this was performed by mark or characters that addressed the eye, and were performed by the hand. These characters were of various kinds; —The first sort of characters made use of were outlines or pictures of the things which they wished to communicate. By means of them they gave some imperfect information to
- 26 others at a distance of what had happened or made use of them for preserving the memory of facts, which they desired to, perpetuate. This is confirmed by history. The rude savages of South America, alarmed at the appearance of British ships approaching their coasts, sent rude drafts of them to the back parts of the country to inform their companions that such was coming. This method was very tedious and laborious which suggested the necessity of abridging by drawing out a part of the object, such a part, as was best calculated to convey the idea of it; as the head of an animal which generally gave an Idea of the whole animal, etc. But this method only extended to external material things, which showed the imperfection of it and gave use to emblematical or hieroglyphical characters, which
- 27 consisted in certain symbols, which were made to stand for invisible objects; an account of an analogy, or Resemblance which such symbols, were supposed to bear to the objects being represented. Many traces of these hieroglyphical marks are

found among the Egyptians and Mexicans; For example, ingratitude was denominated by a viper, wisdom by an ant, eternity by a circle, which has neither beginning or ending.

After these 2 stages writing became more arbitrary in some nations—
The Peruvians made use of silken cords of different colors, and by knots upon these, of various sizes, and differently ranged; they invented* signs of* communicating, and giving information to one another. —

contrived

The Chinese also make use of signs of the same nature to this day —

They have no Alphabet of letters or simple sounds which compose their words.

- 28 But every single character which they make use of in writing is significant of their Ideas concerning that object which it represents; it is a mark that stands for some one thing, or object. By consequence, their characters must be immensely numerous, and as their knowledge increases, their characters will increase —
Our cyphers or arithmetical figures 1, 2, 3,4, 5,6,10 etc which we have derived from the Arabians are significant marks previously of the same nature with the Chinese—They have no dependence on words, but each figure represents an object; represents the number for which it stands, and accordingly on being presented to the eye, is equally understood by all nations who have agreed in the use of those cyphers however different the languages of those nations any promise, anything, and whatever different names they give to their cyphers, in their respective languages —

- 29 All those characters are signs for

things, no use is made yet of the medium of sounds, or words, either signs by representation as the Mexican pictures, or signs by analogy as the Egyptian hieroglyphicks; or signs by institution, as the Peruvian knots, the Chinese characters, and the Arabian cyphers — — —

By degrees at length men began to become sensible of the ambiguity, the Imperfections, and the tediousness, of each of these methods of communication.

They began to think of employing signs for words & not for things. They reflected farther, that tho the words of a language be very numerous, yet the simple sounds that compose them are very fine. They thought of inventing signs

30 for sounds, not for words by themselves.

They then joined these signs. They saw that it would be practicable, to express in writing, the whole combinations of sounds which our words require; —probably an invention of syllables preceded an Alphabet of letters. This still was reducing writing to a smaller compass—
TILL at length some happy genius arose, and tracing the sounds of the human Voice to their simple elements, to which simple sounds he gave particular visible characters, and thereby joined the office of the 2 organs, seeing and hearing. —

To whom we are indebted for this noblest, this most important, of inventions does not appear. His name was concealed amidst the wreck of those darkened ages of Antiquity, else how much

- 31 all true lovers of learning immortalize his Memory and honor him with with everlasting eulogies. Not only the Inventor but the time, the Country, are consigned to the darkened tomb of oblivion. Even tradition is very imperfect respecting it. The universal opinion is they were brought into Greece by Cadmus the Phoenician; who according to chronology was contemporary with Joseph, but according to Newton with King David. Cadmus only brought 16 letters in his Alphabet to Greece 1000 years before Christ, and it remained in the same state till the seige of Troy; and Palymides added 4 letters, and Symonides 4 letters.—But as the Phoenicians were never reputed for Invention, but a people of
- 32 extensive commerce we would be led to think that they propagated this; as well as other discoveries of other Nations. We think Egypt the great seat of Art and politics, among the Nations of old, to be the Country of the Inventor. The letters were originally written from the right hand to the left; the Greeks adopted a new method; writing their lines alternately, from the right, to the left, as oxen plough the ground. The inscription of the Aegaeon monument, seems a monument, of this sort of writing: But afterwards the present method of writing, from left to right was adopted, and continues to be practised. In China and other eastern countries, they place them perpendicular; from top to bottom; no points were made use of among the Ancients.—

33 Writing at first was a kind of engraving. Pillars and tables of stone were first employed for this purpose; then plates of softer metals as lead, but as writing became more common, lighter and more portable substances were employed. The leaves and bark of certain trees, tablets of wood, covered with a thin coat of wax on which impression was made with a stylus of iron. In later times hides of animals, prepared and polished into parchment, were made use of. At last in the 14 Century, Paper was found out. Doctor Houston of Nanbz in Germany found out printing in the year 1450. The first Book that was printed was the Bible. The second Cicero de officiis, and the 3 De Autoritate Dei. About the same year Glasgow College was founded. Manuscripts were

34 very dear and rare before printing, one Bible to a parish, and would cost more than the building of a Church. Shortly after printing, before the duties upon paper, one dozen of Bibles might be purchased for 15 shillings. What a pleasing reverse! Printing paper and Ink then are within these last 500 years.

Thus have we traced written language from the ages of antiquity till the present day and may we not exclaim happy we! who live in an age of such knowledge and when the beams of intellectual knowledge shine on us on every side. Thus hath Ignorant superstition in a good measure been banished away. We have seen the darkness dispelled, the day dawn and shine forth

until this perfect day and mid-
night darkness flee away—

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Jany 2d
ESSAY 4th 1809
On the Verb

As the differences in the classes of signs must be taken from differences in the things represented by them, so every different sign must be absolutely necessary and must perform an office peculiar to itself which no other sign can perform for it.

The most common sign division is into Noun, Pronoun, Article, Verb, Participle, Adverb, Preposition, Conjunction, Interjection.

This division has been the result of much deliberation, comparison and improvement; it was not the first or 2d division but addition and amendments to the first division.

But upon a retrospective glance 1, the first division by Philosophers, we see there are some classes of sign, that from their most important functions which they perform struck the most ancient Philosophers and through all ages to the present day still retain

36 their force, while some of the more modern divisions have been scrupled at, and by some rejected.

The most ancient division was into Noun and Verb. The Names and Relations of things then were so absolutely necessary, as that no judgement, no simple sentence, no proposition could possibly be without them. To them the Hebrews added a conjunction, Aristotle the Article, the Greeks and Latins have eight. But as the verb is the subject of this essay we shall fix

our attention upon it. And—

A verb is commonly defined a word that signifies to be, to do or to suffer.

But more extensively is that part of speech which serves to express that which is attributed to the subject, in describing the being or conduction of the things or persons spoken of, the actions which they do or the impressions they receive. Its office is to express judgements of existence, action, suffering and relations belonging to object. The clearest notion of the Verb may be acquired by attending

- 37 to the operation of judging. We observe the first act of mind after perception is a judgement of the existence of the object, as I perceive a Rose. I judge that the Rose exists, hence the existence of the object is the first judgement and of course that Verb which denotes existence must be the original, the Radical Verb and is commonly called the substantive verb. All other verbs have this for their Radix and essentially employ in them the Verb of existence ... and this verb then in union with attributes and qualities, express also judgements. As for example, Table-round. Here are two things, a substance or substantive, an attribute or an Adjective. Now with the substantive verb "is" you have a judgement expressed, a proposition. "The Table is round"—"The Table exists round." "I love" is called a verb because it denotes existence in it. Yet upon investigation

- 38th it will be found equivalent to the verb "I am loving" or "I exist loving." Hence all other parts of speech called verbs are only verbs so far as they include existence

or comprehend the substantive verb. "I love," then, may be called a complex verb because it denotes energy and existence in a complex manner. Judgements are formed also concerning Energies existing in objects or actions exerted or received; as "I love him." "I" is a subject or agent. "Love" is a faculty or power exerted and is called an Energy. "Him" is the object that the energy acts upon, hence when an energy is exerted there are 3 things to be observed. 1st, the agent or Exertor, the energy or thing exerted and the object or thing acted upon. In this example energy or action is exerted and communicated and is called action; that is, assumes an active form or voice; as "he is loved by me," which is equivalent to "I love him." Hence complex verbs have both active and passive voices in forms, and

- 39 hence action and passion so much spoken of among Philosophers and Books of Philosophy have origination from these ancient divisions of signs, namely the Verb.
- When actions or energies are imparted or received suppose an Agent, and a patient or object of the energy. These are always connected in their nature and ought to be connected in the expression of them, but they can and may be separated. When energy is stated as an attribute of the subject the verb it is an active verbe, as "I love him." Here "love" is an attribute of the subject. But when the former object becomes the subject and the energy is stated as an attribute of the Subject the verb is passive— as "I am loved." When simple state or condition is the only attribute the verb is active

as "I live." The subjects of energies are most frequently persons. Even inanimate things assume action and passion and of course

- 40 persons, hence the verb becomes more complex in form, denoting existence, Energy, Personality and even numbers for the subject of energy may be one or more. When I perceive a Rose I see it exists, in such a manner is moved and in such a time. Which gives this important part of speech mood and tense or time, But upon these we cant enter at present.

A
POETICAL
ESSAY
on
The Advantages and Disadvantages
of
HOLYDAYS
Jany. 6, 1809

The following poem was given out at the Commencement of the holydays to such students as might be pleased to work the Muse
Dec. 27th, 1808, Glasgow —

- 41 As from a flower nice-spreading fair and gay,
The busy bee (much fam'd for industry)
The fragrant honey draws, while from the same
The poisonous Asp extracts the deadly balm,
And youths who bold aspire in wisdom's ways
Salubrious pleasures reap from holidays,
While those who spurn both wisdom and her path
Contract idle habits, indolence and sloth.
Who most the sweets of holydays enjoy?
Sure not the Idler, but the Studious boy,
Who most attentive places his precious honors
Careful to improve his mental powers.
As hard fatigue and long vexatious care
For balmy sweat upon the man prepare.
So studious keep—dedicated application

Prepare for all the sweets of Relaxation.
 But this advantage sure to all is plain,
 Of value far beyond both wealth and fame,
 God hath the bright principle of bliss,
 Not riches, wealth or fame compare with this.
 When this is lost, were tasteless all that's given
 Ah! what await the largest gifts of heav'n
 When this is lost, the powers of knowledge fail
 Genius, wit, and humor don't avail
 That body acts on mind and mind on body
 42 A maxim true in all Philosophy.
 Hence when the mind oppressed with studious care
 As on the nerves, the nerves the force can't bear
 The life strings fail. The body soon decays,
 Pale sickness comes and Death destroys our days,
 While exercise and alternate study
 Refresh the Mind and Recreate the body.
 Amusement youth requires—'tis nature's call
 In every class, that fly, that swim that exceed
 Behold the lambkins frisking through the mead.
 Their joy and joy exceeds, wanton with life
 The scaly brood, their own amusements hain
 They sport and play beneath the swelling main
 In Reasons, Natures, Instincts loudest call
 In vain, 'Tis evil to deny them all.
 Given on Jany. 7th, 1809.

43. ESSAY 6th Jany. 7
 On the Construction of
 SENTENCES

SYNAX is the ordering of words
 in speech in such a manner as is
 best calculated to express our thoughts
 and convey our Ideas in a clear
 perspicuous energetick manner. Words or
 signs used seperately would not answer
 the intention of language. In
 a disconnected state they are quite
 insufficient to answer the grand
 end of Communication. But to
 under signs subservient to this important
 object, they must be arranged
 in a certain order and connection
 in such a manner as sense and
 Reason requires. For example,

- these signs: "man, good" and "will happy be," express no Idea or judgement
- 44 of the mind, but when arranged in a proper order they express a judgement or Proposition, as: a good man will be happy. Syntax consists in the concord and government of Words; in the agreement of words or the power one word has of directing the mood, tense, number, person, case, etc. of another.

CONSTRUCTION

- is derived from the Latin words *con-* and *struo*, to build together. Then Construction, when applied to language, signifies the building together of words. But the term building brings along with it the idea of materials in a separate disconnected state. In language then the materials are words or signs in a disconnected situation, hence the term Construction in its
- 45 proper signification when applied to language is a collecting of words that formerly were unconnected and building them together in an methodical manner so as to form a complete whole, the result of which is called a sentence. Construction may be divided into 3 divisions or there are 3 kinds of construction which arise from the intention of the builder or constructor. A house may be built from 3 motives: from necessity, for ornament or for a particular use. So a sentence may be composed from mere necessity, as, "I am hungry," or from ornament, as "The sun rises, shedding refulgence, diffusing light and life in every ray." Now, "shedding refulgence and diffusing, etc." is an ornamental sentence, or from Reason such

- 46 as, "The proper study of mankind is Man." The first is called natural, the 2d artificial, 3d, Philosophical. And first, Natural, is that construction which necessity suggests. It is prompted by nature, men at first express from Instinct. The arrangement made use of in this kind of composition would be first the sign that would represent the thing wanted— or that word which is the subject of the Sentence as instead of saying "Give me fruit," we would say "fruit me give;" almost as the Latins do: "fructum mihi da," etc. 2d The Artificial, oratorical or Poetical, Construction has more in View than simply stating the fact or expressing the want, Desire, or passion, but has also for its end
- 47 to instruct, persuade and phrase, in short, to command the passions. As for example, Milton in the beginning of his poem introduces it not with stating the fact but with an Exordium to persuade to attention and to please, as "Of man's first disobedience and the first of that forbidden Fruit, sing heavenly muse" — And in some of Demosthenes, etc. Cicero's Orations, we find them address the Passion from the same motives and the Imagination. 3 Philosophical Construction is dictated by Reason and in which the Words follow the connections of the Matter, as "in 6 days God made the heavens and the earth and all things and pronounced all very good."
- 49* The proper study of Mankind is Man. General Observations on

* *Note:* Campbell omitted page 48.

the foregoing—the Natural is that art of construction that Rude Nations make use of and was prior to the Artificial. The Artificial came next as after necessity is alleviated Pride and ornament what is more than necessary, and Philosophical posterior to the former 2 and is the Result of Both.

ESSAY 7th

On this proposition:

Logic is the art of directing the Powers of Knowledge in the Search of Truth and Communication. METHOD

1st Explain the leading terms.
2. Point out the powers of knowledge most susceptible of improvement by the art of Logick.

- 49 3 Point out truth and falsehood and the Relations that the Art of Logick has with the acquisition of truth and detection of falsehood.
4. What relates to Communication. — — — —

First explain the leading terms—1st LOGIC is derived from the Greek *logos*, oration or sermon, a collection of words framed in a certain form; to answer a certain end and that from *lego*, colligo, to collect because this art is a collection of rules methodized and formed into a complete Logos or collection. ART is a collection of Rules, or laws, verging towards a certain end as a cause to produce an effect, in a regular, methodical manner and may be called a system of Rules.

- 50 DIRECTING signifies a commending in a straight proper manner so as to acquire a certain object unob-

tained; here it may more properly signify an arresting of the attention and fixing it upon a certain object. — — — — —

POWERS is a term so abstract in its nature as to render it difficult to explain. It is logically speaking an inference drawn in the mind from the observation of objects by the external senses. It denotes 2 things: a superior ability that one thing has over another in making impression on it and 2, a susceptibility that the object impressed has of receiving impression. This may be called passive power and the former active. By association it means here those constituent faculties of the mind that compose the human Mind.

- 51 The powers of knowledge are Perception, Attention, Reflection, Abstraction, Generalization, Memory, Imagination, Judging and Reasoning. — All of these powers of knowledge are in a greater or less degree susceptible of improvement from the art of Logick but some of them much more especially than others. The most improvable of them by this art are Attention, Reflection, Reasoning and judging. By this art we acquire unhabituated attention, a habit of fixing the attention closely and keeping it closely fixed to the object. By the assistance of this art we can Reflect clearly, closely, and powerfully and as for Reasoning this is its very object, also called the art of Reason and when improvement is acquired in this,

- 52 the art of judging; to form judgements in a really clear and true manner, so these powers are particu-

larly assisted, improved, expanded and enlarged by this art. Memory and Imagination receives little improvement from this art. Imagination is not so susceptible of being filled or assisted or directed by Rules. —

WHAT is TRUTH. The actual existence of objects or Bodies is not truth. But truth refers to our judgements of existences and qualities; for instance, I perceive snow. Now the actual existence of snow is not truth but if I say "Snow is white" here is a judgement expressed of a certain quality existing in snow, and is a true judgement for that quality actually exists in Snow.

- 53 But if I say "snow is black" this is a falsehood for the quality black does not exist in snow hence the judgement is false.-----
Hence a lover of truth is a lover of true judgement and a lover of falsehood is a hater of true judgements.
SEARCH is the quest or looking out for something unacquired.
It supposes 3 things: a person deprived of some object, the actual existence of that object, and the effort made to acquire it. —
These are the leading terms that compose the Proposition and is all that is required in the Essay, namely, to explain the terms in this Proposition: that Logic is the art of directing the POWERS of Knowledge in search of Truth. Communication we dont attempt now.

- Before the days of Socrates this sort of Philosophy had taken a very unfavorable turn. From the days of Zeno, the father of the Stoicks, it had gradually degenerated till at length it became mere ostentatious sophistry. Greece, the most renowned seat of Art and Science, appears to us to be the country where this art was first framed. Moral and Natural Philosophy were cultivated in Greece at first; and while in their infant growing state various opinions concerning different subjects in this
- 55 caused various disputations among the Graecians. The Greeks were wonderfully delighted with these disputations in while defending their own opinions at another opposing the opinions of their opponents. They hoped by this means to render themselves memorable to Posterity. That these Philosophers might the more easily effect these things the art of Logick or Dialect was invented by Zeno, the Aeolian. He divided it into 3 parts. The first was concerning consequences. This was an obscure and useless part little known in this age. The 2d was into Dialogue or Colloquy, the one that Socrates adopted, whence it is called the Socratick Dialogue. The 3d was into or
- 56 concerning Contention, whence came the many species of Sophistry. — This Sophistry was cultivated and gained much ground among the Greeks and being accompanied with an ostentatious Rhetorick affected the passions and like a torrent swept all before it till at length Socrates the son of

- Sophomescus, a stone cutter and Panarite, an *avoucheuse*, arose and stemmed the torrent. A man revered for his love of truth, a man of keen genius and a man of a steady, decided and inflexible character. His keen intellectual eye and deep discerning judgement soon discovered this false Sophistry and like the sun rising in the morning before whose face Darkness and night fly away; and safe, clear and pleasant day arose —
- 57 This method was, as was the Man, of an humble disposition, and of a temper the most happy, not to ruffled by contradictions, only false Propositions. Altho a lover of truth, he put himself in the character of a learner not a Teacher. His first attempt was to plan to persuade to one hearing in which he scarcely ever missed; for he always gave a little run to that Passion that seemed the most predominant and having once commanded the attention and passions of his hearers, he proposed such questions as seemed quite unconnected with his end in view or intentions. The answers of which from the hearer or opponent generally wounded themselves by making concessions, which
- 58 he made use of as foundation for future agreement, still proceeding in his argument or Dialogue according to that most happy premiss of Rhetorick-Inversion that makes the Adversaries plea; a strong, nay, best defence that urged can be; in one word he made use of the "Luaviter in Modo et fortiter." He came off in general victorious,

never disgusting his opponents for too well he knew the frailties of human nature, and early touched the tender part.

The Socratic Method of Disputation and argumentation differs from Aristotle in the following respects. In the Aristotelian method the same person proposes the premisses and draws the

- 59 conclusions.—But in the Socratic method the disputant asks his Antagonist the questions and having received answers to them, from these answers, as from new premisses, he draws conclusions. In this manner the premisses cannot be denied because they are the preconceptions of the Antagonist himself and if the conclusion be properly drawn there is no room left for future disputation. This method was also used by Socrates to communicate knowledge. The strength of this argument depends on these principles. But a false conclusion cannot be drawn from truth and 2 contradictions cannot at the same time be false.

- 60 for if the conclusion be false, the falsehood comes from the premisses and vice versa.

AN EXAMPLE OF THE SOCRATIC DIALOGUE

In the following Dialogue Philomathes stands in the character of Socrates and Aladzonias a conceited young man who had travelled over a good part of Europe and pretended to know much of Astronomy, Geography, etc. enters into a discourse with him on some parts of Astronomy but his opinions

upon these subjects dont seem so just as will appear in their Dialogue —

Phil, meeting with Aladzonias on his evening walk thus addressed him:

Phil. Dear Friend Aladzonias I am happy that I have met with you as I understand you are an Astronomer or one who delights much in the study of the motions, distance, etc. of the heavenly bodies.

- 61 And convinced from the opportunities you have had of these things you'll have acquired a very considerable knowledge of them. I shall therefore be much obliged to you for your opinion on some subjects as I have not had the same opportunities of improving in these things as you have had.

Aladz. Indeed Philomathes, I have made these subjects much my study and have acquired very considerable knowledge of them, especially as I have been in many countries and in most of the much famed seats of Literature. I have been at Rome, Paris, Lisbon, Madrid and many other places much famed for science and art too tedious to mention.

Phil. And Pray, Aladzonias, what is your opinion of the sun, the center of our system, and the immense fountain of light, and heat?

- 62 *Aladzonias.* As to his immensity, his extraordinary size and distance as is generally said, I dont by any manner accord. I think that he is a considerable globe of fire, not very far distant from the earth that moves round us every day rising in the morning in the east and by degrees travelling on in the west till he go round this earth, etc.—And this is more than a

thought with me. As I have seen him perform this same course in every country and always appear the same size, not exceeding more than a yard at most in Diameter, or may be not so much.

Philo. Strange, Alad. I had thought him exceedingly large and at an immense distance.

Aladzonias. By no means, I have observed him accurately in every place and found him still the same size and at the same distance much about the size of the moon at full.

63. *Phil.* And did he appear always the same size to you, Aladzonias?

Alad. Yes, just the same in London and Lisbon, the same in Sweden and Turkey, the very same in every place. —

Phil. That surprizes me out of measure, that a body so small as you think the sun, should appear the same size at so many miles distance.

Alad. Tis really True. I can assure you of the truth of the fact—

Phil. And have you never observed Aladzonias that a house, nay, a mountain, at a few miles distance appear exceeding small; Yea, an Island, a Continent, I am sure at a few leagues distance at Sea seem to appear but as it were a mote.

Aladzonias. Tis a just remark.

64 *Phil.* Well, then Dear Aladzonias, is not a miracle in appearance that the sun who is so small, not more than a yard in Diameter, should appear the exact size not varying one inch, in countries so many thousands miles distant from each other.

Aladzonias. I declare Phil, you have confounded me; this is an Idea never struck me before.

I am now convinced Phil. I am wrong the sun must indubitably be immensely larger and inconceivable distant and must move prodigiously fast seeing he describes such a Circular path in so few hours. —

Phil. Take care *Aladzonias* dont say he moves so fast.

Aladz. Moves so swift? You question that? Do you not see him rise in the morning in the east and soon move to the west and disappear?

65 *Phil*. Indeed, *Aladzonias*, it at a first sight appears somewhat strange. Yet I think upon a minute investigation it will appear most obvious. When you consider how incompatible it would be with the Divine Wisdom who wish not to create so many worlds, who never thus light and heat from the Sun to think that the sun in complaisance to our Earth should leave the centre of its system and move round us to show us light and afford us that while those other worlds many of them no doubt superior to us in excellence must be left to starve with cold and moulder in Darkness. Besides you know when you approached land and fixed your attention upon it you thought the land moved and the ship stood still so

66 we upon the earth carried around from west to east imagine we stand still and the Sun goes round.
Alad. In truth now *Philomathes* I am amazed. I'm sure this all may be true

as far as I am able to comprehend
 but as to these words you speak
 of I pray you explain yourselve
 and I shall be your scholar —
Phil. At a more favorable oppor-
 tunity, Aladzonias, we shall
 talk of these things, farewell—
 Jany 21st 1809.

67

ON THE
 IMPROVEMENT
 OF THE
 MEMORY

"MEMORIA excellenda augitur"
 To ascribe bounds to the improve-
 ment of memory is out of the
 reach of an Individual —
 The innumerable Terms, objects,
 circumstances, persons, places, and
 things that it can retain
 are unquestionable proofs of its
 extent and improvement —
 The time was when the most exten-
 sive memory retained but one
 object. The first mark of memory in
 Children is when they cry. Doubtless
 the first time a child cries it is
 sensible that it feels some displeasing
 sensation that it remembered it
 did not feel before, hence, it cries
 to have that greivance redressed and
 to be replaced in that situation
 where it is sensible it did not
 experience that disagreeable sensation.

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The memory at this time being very weak
 is a proof that it Receives all its strength
 and Activity from exercise. This is that
 faculty which is still receiving new
 improvement. Every new thing that presents
 itself to us is a proof and addition to
 its extension and an acquisition of
 more strength. In those infant years
 when children are only thought to breathe
 or just like the young of every other animal

its memory is every day encreasing, it is imperceptibly cultivating this faculty, and perhaps the Memory receives more improvement in these younger Years than any other faculty and many more than at any other period of life. When a child is 2 years old it is almost incredible what knowledge it has acquired by means of this faculty alone, none of the other faculties being scarcely employed, By claiming former perceptions and reflecting, which are the employments of the mind in those Younger Years — And how is it that the child improves this faculty? How is it that it has acquired its early knowledge?

- 69 By this most important of all Rules for improving this faculty, Attention by. It remembers no object to which it did not attend. Did not the child attend to sounds and closely apply the organ of hearing it never could distinguish one name from another. Did it not attend to the objects of sight it never could distinguish its nurse from a lion. It would smile at the opening jaws of a lion as soon and as contentedly as at the smiles of its nurse. Did it not attend to touch and to sensations derived therefrom, it would as easily walk into the fire as to its chair. In short, did not the child attend to every thing that impresses its senses and the impressions of its mind it never could remember any one object any more than if it had been born blind and Deaf or than if it spent its days in some dark suberaneous vault
- 70 where light never entered. Hence attention is the first and indeed the only means

of improving Memory. Without attention the Mind can neither associate, select, or arrange and this it will do naturally by attention. The child, when it hears the term "apple" separated and applied often to a certain kind of fruit, it Remembers the fruit—its taste, colour, shape, etc. from its attending to it. Afterwards when you present the apple to the child it Remembers its name, its taste, etc. and when you present the name to its ear it remembers the fruit, etc. and also of a pear or Cherry. It associates in its mind the qualities of the one and of the other and selects or chooses the pear perhaps for its taste or the apple for its colour.—When the child advances a little older it can associate in a much greater and more extensive manner. —

- 71 It can associate whole classes etc. from some one quality which it discovers in one and all the classes. By antiquity in objects, by arrangements, and by selection, the Memory is brought to the highest degrees of improvement and first by contiguity or Association in General. —
But of Attention more particularly. Attention is either voluntary or involuntary. A person may see or hear an object and not attend to it but he's perfectly in the same situation with him who never heard or saw the object, but if he attend to the object which he may do it he can remember it. As for example, I am passing through a crowd of people and thr're on all sides of me; but there is one person among them of some particular Difference, perhaps 3 hands, etc. He strikes

- my attention. I, out of all the crowd, remember him.
- 72 I may observe a number of houses with out remembering any thing of them; but if one of them be on fire I remember because I attend to it. It is as impossible to attend to an object and not to remember it as to remember an object to which we did not attend. — There are moderate degrees of attention, and greater degrees of attention. That to which we moderately attend we only remember in a faint manner and not long. That to which we attend with our utmost attention we well remember and long. There are many objects to which we must attend from our interest in them, because this interest presses us on and is immediately felt. There are other objects that interest us but it is not
- 73 immediate, therefore, not felt so acutely, to these we may or may not attend. We may read a page of a book over an innumerable number of times and mind nothing of it. We may at another time remember it all with one half of the number remember it accurately as hence our retention of objects depends altogether upon our attention to them—'tis by attention we associate and arrange. We may Divide Association into 2 Divisions, association of sound and of sight — of mind, from the Rhyming of lines I can remember

- them much easier—I can
commit to memory 40 lines of
- 74 Rhymes sooner and with more ease than
30 lines of Prose. Contiguity
of objects of sight assist the
memory. I can remember the
fields, hills and valleys, houses, etc.
of my paternal residence
from their contiguity. If I call
up, many other objects of sight
they occur and all at
once crowd into my memory.
In the same manner analagous
mental objects come into the
mind together as Beauty in
one object or some particular quality
occurring to my mind in some
objects excites the memory of all
objects that forms that beauty. —
Of Arrangement and
Selection, in a more convenient
time. Jany. 24th, 1809.
- 75 ESSAY 11—Jany. 24th, 1809

The Perfection of Imagination
consists in its activity, strength
and Regularity. Can these be
improved and how?

Whether or not the
Imagination be susceptible of
improvement has been a Doubt
and Dispute among men of
learning. Some have said
that a strong and active
Imagination belonged peculiarly
to Poets, that men were born
so, that Nature had gifted
some in a particular manner
with a warm, vigorous active
Imagination, while she had too
sparingly conferred it on others.
Some have gone a little further
and allowed that Philosophers
and Astronomers as well as Poets

- had been favoured in a peculiar manner with this faculty. —
- 76 But in this we rest, that in ordinary cases all men possess all the faculties in at least a certain degree and that all the active faculties of the mind are susceptible of improvement and that no man possesses any one faculty in a degree so extraordinarily superior at first but that much depends on culture; for example, some fields will in a more productive manner and with very little culture, will produce in a very liberal manner, while others with double labour will produce in a much inferior manner. Yet neither the good field nor the bad field will produce without such labour—likewise Marble in the quarry, some sorts of it is more susceptible of polish and will admit of a much more elegant polish than others yet they both need the skill of the polisher to bring to light every ornamental vein & spot in it —
- 77 Hence, the Imagination is susceptible of improvement and does not differ in individuals so much materially as from Culture—But Activity is the first grand characteristic of a good Imagination. Activity necessarily implies objects to act upon; Active in reproducing objects, active in forming new combinations and active in the manner of reproducing them while contrasting objects, seperating them, joining them and bringing them to the bar of Reason.—All this and more falls under the head

- of activity—let us contrast this with an inertive, dull, slow Imagination. It is slow in combining, reproducing and barren in its production while a good Imagination is prolific and fertile—Strength, another of the Perfections of a good Imagination, both this and the former are the result of habitual exercise. The strong Imagination can act on
- 78 whole groups of Ideas and objects can hold them up in a steady manner to the Mind as a giant with his right hand would hold up a spear—steady, fierce and bold, while the weak Imagination holds up objects as a Dwarf in his left hand would hold up a sword, trembling, weak and ready to fall.—For a pattern of a strong and active Imagination let us look to Milton (see Essay on Genius, Page 12th) The 3rd and last of the marks of a good Imagination is Regularity. This is the effect of a strength. The object is reproduced in a regular, clear and conspicuous manner, not confused. All the parts of it appear in due proportion, symmetry and regularity. Look to Homer whose strong, active and Regular Imagination, so clearly paints Character and event. He forms all his descriptions from his Imagination in a forcible, clear and perspicuous manner which denotes, the strength, activity, and regularity of his Imagination -
- 79 Having demonstrated that the Imagination is susceptible of improvement, we now proceed to point out a few Rules for the improvement of it. And first —
1. Lay in much materials—universal knowledge as essentially

- requisite for Imagination to act upon in order to discover the name of a warm, vigorous prolific Imagination. It is impossible for the best Imaginations to form Combination of materials without having materials and a sufficient quantity of them, —hence let him who wishes to improve his Imagination get well acquainted with persons and things. —
2. Study the grand and the sublime. Observe the grand and sublime appearances of nature, be well acquainted with the grand and sublime in composition.
- 80 3. Make choice of such objects as can afford the widest and most extensive range for the fancy, and let the Imagination work upon these —
4. From the first attempt to form new combinations, let all over Imagination be subservient to reason, observe method, regularity and order.
5. Begin as early as possible to cultivate the Imagination. The Reason of so many weak and unproductive works of Imagination is that this power is seldom cultivated in Youth and is allowed to lay by till it rust and never after will take a Polish —
6. and last, make choice of proper seasons for to exercise it and dont fatigue but oft relief the Imagination with sensible objects. By a strict observance of these Rules, almost every common Imagination will in a short time derive the name of strong, active and fertile.

BETWEEN A
JUDGEMENT AND PROPOSITION

A judgement of the mind is the knowledge of a fact. A knowledge of the existing relations between two objects, of their agreement or disagreement is called a judgement; as for example, Snow is white. Having acquired an Idea of Whiteness and an Idea of Snow, by a comparison I observe that there is an agreement betwixt this quality of colour and the same quality in the snow, and by this act of the mind I am led to make this expression (which is called a proposition) snow is white, I affirm whiteness exists in snow. — — —
I may say snow is not black.
By the same act of mind I am led to observe that the quality

- 82 blackness does not exist in snow, hence, I infer or I agree, that snow is not black. This is a negating or denying the existence of this quality in snow, hence the judgement snow is not black. This is called a negative-judgement. All our judgements are with affirmative or negative. But this act of the mind is variously exerted in acquiring of judgement which gives rise to a difference in judgements. The first act of the mind, or the first kind of judgement, is when the agreement or disagreement of 2 objects appears at first look is called intuitive, as a whole is greater than a part. Here all that is required is a notion of whole & part. This is called intuition. This kind of judgement is the foundation of that species of Reasoning which we call Demonstration; hence, the knowledge acquired in this manner is called Science —

- *82 because in every step of the procedure it carries its own evidence with it and leaves no room for doubt or hesitation. This class of judgement expresses between our Ideas and the same Relations must ever and invariable exist between the same Ideas. Our deductions in the way of science constitute what is called External, necessary and immutable truth. Of this nature are all the truths of natural Religion, morality, of mathematicks, and in general what ever may be gathered from the mere view and consideration of our Ideas. —
The second ground of human Judgement is Experience — from which we infer the existence of those objects that surround us and fall under the immediate notice of our senses—As when I see the sun. I not only have an Idea of this object within myself
* *Note:* Campbell has two p. 82s.
- 83 but ascribe to it a real existence out of the mind. It is also by the information of the senses that we judge of the qualities of Bodies, as when we say the snow is white, and when we say the fire is hot or Iron is hard.—For as we are wholly unacquainted with the structures of their internal constitution of these Bodies, that produce this activity in us, nay, and are unable to have any connection between that structure and the sensations themselves. It is obvious that we build our judgements altogether by experience or observation as ascribing to Bodies such qualities as are answerable to the perceptions they excite in us. —
By experience also we acquire our knowledge concerning coexistence of sensible qualities in objects and the

operation of Bodies one upon another. —
 From what has been said Intuition
 is the foundation of what we call
 scientific knowledge. So is Experience
 of Natural—for this lat being
 wholly taken up with the objects of sense
 or those Bodies that constitute the natural
 world and their properties in so far as we
 can discover them.

- 84 Being to be learned only by a long and
 painful series of observations, it is ap-
 parent that in order to improve this
 branch of knowledge we must betake
 ourselves to the method of trial and
 experiment. Accordingly we find while
 this was neglected little advance was
 made in the philosophy of nature.
 Whereas a contrary proceeding has
 enriched the present age with many
 valuable discoveries, insomuch that
 natural knowledge in allusion to
 the foundation on which it stands
 has been very aptly called Experi-
 mental Philosophy —
 The third ground of human judge-
 ment is Testimony, but though
 experience be what we may term
 the immediate foundation of natural
 knowledge, yet with respect to par-
 ticular persons, its influence is very
 narrow and confined. The bodies
 that surround us are numerous.
 Many of them lie at a great distance
 and some quite beyond our Reach.

- 85 Life too is short and full of cares
 that little time is left for any one
 man to unfold the mysteries of nature,
 Hence it is necessary to admit many
 things upon the testimony of others,
 which by this means becomes a great
 part of our knowledge of Body.
 No man doubts of the power of *aqua*
regia to discover gold, though

- perhaps he never made the experiment. However as we can have recourse to experience where any doubt or scruple arises this is justly considered as the true foundation of Natural Philosophy, being indeed, the ultimate support upon which our assent rests and whereto we appeal when the highest degree of evidence is registered.—But there are many facts that will not admit of an appeal to the senses, and in this case Testimony is the true and only foundation of our judgements — All human activities of what ever kind
- 86 when considered as already past are of the nature here described. From this we derive historical knowledge by which I mean not merely a knowledge of the civil transactions of states and kingdoms but of all facts whatsoever when testimony is the ultimate foundation of our belief. — It is necessary to observe that judgements in the sense here received denotes all acts of the mind, where only 2 Ideas are compared without the immediate interposition of the 3d, for when the mind joins or seperates 2 Ideas, though perhaps this is done in consequence of a hair of Reasoning previous — Yet if the understanding proceeds upon established notions without attending to that hair of Reasoning its determinations are still considered as acts of judgement. All our judgements when expressed in words are called
- 87 propositions. Let us now proceed to consider a little more particularly the nature and variety of these our Judgements.—A Proposition

therefore is a sentence expressing some judgement of the mind whereby 2 or more Ideas are affirmed to agree or disagree. Now as our judgements include at least 2 Ideas, one of which is affirmed or denied of the other so must a proposition have terms answering to these Ideas, — the Idea of which we affirm or deny, and of course, the term expressing that Idea is called the subject of the proposition. The Idea affirmed or denied, as also the term answering it, is called the Predicate.

The word that connects in the proposition is called the *copula* and the word used as the substantive verb as God is omnipotent—it is often in one word in Latin—the whole 3 as Amo—I love—to *Ego sum amans* — I am loving — — —

On the Quality, the Quantity, the Materiality, the Substance, of all Propositions—Rules for Deleniating the quantity of the Subject and Predicate, Illustrated as particularly Requisite for the study of the Syllogism. Jany. 28th, 1809.

All propositions are either Affirmative or Negative, as all our Ideas must agree or disagree, when we affirm that a certain quality as wholeness exists in a certain subject as snow. We make an affirmative judgement as snow is white—but if we deny the existence of a certain subject as blackness in a certain subject as snow, the proposition is negative: as snow is not black. Hence, Affirmation and Negation is the quality of all proposition.

- They are all affirmative or negative —
- 89 The quantity of Propositions is their universality or particularity, hence quantity is universal or particular. On account of quantity propositions are divided into universal, particular, indefinite & singular.
- The universal proposition is when the subject is an universal term taken in its fullest extension and for the most part has these marks of universality prefixed to it—as all, now, every, etc., as "omnis homo est animal," "every man is an animal."
- The particular proposition is when the subject is an universal term taken in a part of its extension. This has often then restrictive particle before it as "some, certain, etc." as "aliquis homo est justis" "some man is just."
- An indefinite is that whose subject is an universal term without the addition of any mark of quality, as "homo vive," "man lives."
- The singular proposition is that whose subject is a singular term; as "Socrates fuit sapiens," as "Socrates was wise."
- 90 Logicians reduce indefinite Propositions to universals in necessary matters as "angels are incorporeal," and to particular in contingent matters as "a soldier defends the camp," but they always reduce a singular to an universal because they take their subjects in the whole of their extension, therefore they have only 2 sorts of Propositions in respect of quality; universal and particular. The best rule of distinction between universal and particular is where the predicate agrees to all the individuals comprehended under

the notion of the subject. There the proposition is universal; where it belongs only to some of them or to some of the species of the general Idea then the proposition is particular. This is an infallible criterion and of easy application, and much safer than to depend on the common signs of all, some, every, none, etc.

- 91 because these being different, in different languages, and often varying in their signification, are very apt in many cases to mislead the judgement. Thus if we say "All the soldiers when drawn up formed a square of an hundred men aside," it is evident that the predicate cannot be affirmed of the several individuals but of the whole collective idea of the subject; whence by the Rule given above the proposition is not universal but particular. Note on singular propositions, some say they are universal, others particular, as, "This Book contains some useful truths," "Sir Isaac Newton was the inventor of fluxions." The subject of such being taken in its whole extension has the same effect in Reasoning as universals but if it be Considered in truth that they are the most tender of all propositions particular, and that no proposition can with propriety be called universal whose subject is not an universal Idea, we shall not be long in determining to what class they justly belong.
- 92 When we say "Some books contain useful truths," the proposition is particular because the general term appears with a mark of restriction. If therefore we say "This book contains useful truths," 'tis evident that the proposition must be still more restricted, as "this" is more restrictive

than "some." There are instances where the singular proposition has the same effect as the universal yet this is not by reason of any proper universality belonging to them but because the conclusion being always in such cases singular may be proved by a middle term which is also singular. —

On account of quantity and quality Propositions are divided into four kinds or classes, which are denoted by the 4 first vowels A-E-I-O. A—denoting an universal affirmation, as "Every man is an animal." Here it is first affirmed that man is an animal 2, universally of the whole class, every man and 3d, according to the first Rule for discovering the quantity of the Predicates, the predicate

- 93 is taken particularly; here the predicate "animal" is taken particularly of every man, i.e., any man is an animal and every man is animal-or some animal is every man, or one animal is every man not every animal is a man. E-denotes an universal negative as "no man is a stone." Here it is first denied that man is a stone, 2, universally, that no man is a stone, and according to the 2 general Rule for discovering the quantity of predicates in negative propositions, "stone" is taken in the its whole extension that no stone of any kind is a man. I—denotes a particular affirmative, as "Some man is just." Here is is not universally "every man is just" but it is affirmed of some particular men that they are just. Here according to the above Rule, the predicate is particularly, as Justice is not only in some man but "some man is just." O-Particular negative, "some man is not just," Here it is not denied of every man but of some particular man. But according to the 2 Rule the predicate is taken universally as "no justice is in some man."

Whatever is affirmed or denied of a genus,
is affirmed of every class, every individual,
under that genus.

94 as, "Every animal lives. Men live. Brutes
live. Birds live. A cock sparrow lives, etc.

AN ORATION

to be delivered on Saturday the
4th Feby. in the Society of
Logicians—to prove that murder
is the only crime to be punished by
Death ——

We do not intend to examine
whether it be consentaneous with Divine
Revelation or compatible and congruous
with the laws of our Nation that
a man should suffer punishment
by death for any crime
save homicide. From both I'm debarred.
And what have I left to prove my
assertion which is that a man should
not suffer death for any crime save
homicide—nought but whether it
be consonant with Reason or no;
Reason then is the only standard,
the only criterion! Alas, a standard
often crookened, often twisted, pliant.
Reason let us bid her well beware
lest by some fair appearing good
she dictate false and

Note: Here two leaves (four pages) have been torn out of the book. The numbering is continuous and shows that the pages were numbered after the pages were torn out. Did Campbell tear out what he had written on capital punishment because he later came to a different conclusion?

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OF THE SYLLOGYSM

A Syllogysm is a sentence that expresses
a simple judgement of the mind
or it is the inference drawn from two
Propositions which inference is the 3d propo-
sition in the Syllogysm, the 3
propositions of a Syll are thus re-
solved. Before a Judgement can be
formed there must be a comparison of
2 things with a third. The first

proposition is the observed agreement or disagreement of the first of the 2 things compared with the 3d or the standard as it is called, as if I say "every animal lives, every man is an animal, hence every man is a living Creature." Now the comparison of the 2d thing with the 3d is the 2 judgement or proposition and the expression of agreement or disagreement is the 3 Proposition in the Syl,— In every syllogism there must be 3 terms, and these are generally repeated but there are but 3 different terms, namely the 2 extremes and the middle term to which they compared. "Is man a living creature," this is called the

96. syllogistick question. Man and living are the 2 extremes, because they are the most remote in their agreement or disagreement. As it is not yet known, the middle term is this: "Every man is an animal." Therefore every man is a living creature. Animal is the term to which man and living is compared and is called the middle term. Of these 2 Extremes one of them is more extensive than the other. The more extensive is called the Major Extreme and that of the less Extension the Minor Extreme, as "Is Man an accountable Creature." "All Reasonable Creatures are accountable" "Man is a Reasonable Creature" Ergo, "Man is an accountable Creature." The Major Extreme here in this syll. is "accountable." Why? Because its extension is greater than the other extreme "man." How? Angels are accountable and men. The minor term here is "Man." It hath less extension than accountable.

- 97 When the syllogistick question is asked the magus extreme is the Predicate of the question and of the conclusion, so that it hath the greater Extension. The minus extreme is the subject of the conclusion. In the premisses the major extreme is found in the magus proposition & the minus in the lesser proposition, Q.E.D. The third is called the Middle term to which the 2 extremes are compared, but to point them out more perspicuously as the Relation between the Ideas of Man and accountableness comes not within the immediate view of the mind. We must compare them with the third term. The 2 premisses and the conclusion compose the whole. 1st minus extreme was 2 major extreme "accountableness," then are to be compared with the Middle term which is "Reasonableness." These are the premisses, Man accountable, Reasonableness, whence the conclusion, "Man is an accountable Creature" is drawn.
- 98 The conclusion is that other proposition in which the Extremes themselves are joined or seperated, so that the predicate of the conclusion is the major term and the subject of the conclusion is the minus term, but that proposition that compares the Major Extreme or the predicate of the conclusion with the middle term is called the major proposition and when the subject of the conclusion or lesser extreme is compared with the middle term is called the Minus proposition. When a Syllogysm is proposed in due form the Major proposition is always placed first, the minor next and the conclusion last.

- The 3 grand axioms of the Syllogism are
- 1st What soever things agree with the same middle term agree with one another or in other words, the extremes that agree with the same third agree with one another.
- 99 This is one of the Geometrical axioms of Euclid in matter. Although different a little in words, his axiom is: things that are equal to the same are equal to one another. This is a self evident truth.
- 2 When one of the Extremes or terms agrees with the same middle term and the others do not then do not agree but disagree among themselves as things that are not equal with the same are not equal with one another.
- 3 When neither of the terms agrees with the same third, the Extremes may or may not agree among themselves, as 2 things that are unknown may or may not agree. We can't say which.
- Examples to each —
- Man is an accountable creature
Every creature possessed of Reasonableness is an accountable creature,
- 100 The 2 extremes are man and accountable: man the minus and accountable the magus extreme. Reasonableness the middle term, now compare the minus extreme to the middle term. We see it agrees. Man is a Reasonable creature. This is the minus proposition. The minus is compared with the middle. Now compare Accountable the magus extreme with the middle

term reasonableness. We see they agree. This is the magus proposition, for the above reason. Now both the extremes agree with the middle term, ergo, man is an accountable creature by the 1st Axiom. Extremes that agree with the same middle term agree with one another.

Example to the 2 Axiom—
A stone is an accountable creation. Everything possessed of Reasonableness is accountable.

- 101 I compare the minus extreme, to wit, stone, with the middle term Reasonableness. I find they disagree. I compare accountableness with Reasonableness. I find they agree, hence the one agrees with the middle term and the other disagrees, hence the extremes do not agree but disagree. By 2 axiom I draw this conclusion: stones are not accountable.

When John died he was happy. Every one who is regenerated is happy. I compare the minus extreme John to the middle term regenerated. I don't know whether John was regenerated or no. I don't know whether they agree or disagree. When I compare happy with regeneration I don't know whether happiness agrees or disagrees with regeneration or not. I cant say whether John is happy or miserable according to the 3 axiom.

- 102 The General Rules of Syllogysm explained and elucidated by examples.
Rule First
The middle term cannot be twice taken particularly but must be universal once it has. For if it be twice taken

particularly there are 2 middle terms and four in the Proposition "for if the middle term be taken for two different parts or kinds of the same universal idea then the subject of the conclusion is compared with one of these parts, and the predicate with another part and this will never show whether that subject and predicate agree or disagree. There will then be 4 distinct terms in the Syllogism and the 2 parts of the question will not be compared with the same 3 idea as if I say "Some men are pious and some men are Robbers." I can never infer that some Robbers are pious, for the middle term men being 2

103 taken particularly it is not the same men that (are compared with) are spoken of in the major and minor Proposition." (Watt)

Rule Second The Terms in the conclusion must never be taken more universally than they are in the Premises. The reason of this will appear quite obvious when we consider this axiom: that all particular propositions are included in Universals and of course may be inferred thence, but universals cannot be contained in particulars nor can they be derived from them.

3 Rule From 2 negative premisses nothing can be inferred, for neither of the Extremes agrees with the third—or middle term—for this reason, they separate the middle term both from the subject and predicate of the conclusion and according to the 3 general axiom when 2 things disagree with the third we cant infer whether they agree or disagree with

- each other, yet where the negation is a part of the middle term the 2 premisses may look like negatives
- 104 according to the words and yet one of is affirmative in sense. What has no thought cannot reason but a worm has no thought and yet cannot reason.
- 4 Rule From two affirmative propositions there follows an affirmative conclusion because the extremes agree with the same middle term. This is so plain as to need no comment.
- 5 Rule The Conclusion follows the weaker part of the proposition, that is, negative and particular propositions are accounted inferior and of course weaker than affirmative and universal. That is, if one of the premisses be particular the conclusion will also be particular, and if one of the premisses be negative, the conclusion will be negative, because one of the extremes does not agree with the third term but if one of the premisses be particular the conclusion will be particular.
- 105 To be More Particular
If one of the premisses be particular the conclusion will be particular
In the first place we observe that if one of them be particular the other must be universal, as there is but 2 sorts of quality—universality or particularity. Now according to this, one of the premisses is universal and the other is particular. According to the foregoing rule the conclusion follows the weaker part and particularly the weaker proposition. Therefore according to the same rule you see the

- conclusion is particular. This is quite evident. Now in the second place let us observe that if the premisses be one of them particular and the other universal, one of them must be affirmative for if both of them be negative according to the 3 general Rule no conclusion can be drawn. But one of them is particular according then to the Rules for quantity every affirmative proposition the predicate is taken particularly now one of them is affirmative.
- 106 The conclusion may be either a particular affirmation or a particular negation. Now let us first suppose that it is a particular affirmation. Now in this case the Premisses are both affirmative, for if one of them were negative the conclusion would according to the 5 Rule be negative. Hence, the premisses are both affirmative. Now by the first Rule for quantity the 2 Predicates are taken in the premisses particularly. Now there is truth in universal propositions in the premisses and that must be the middle term for if the middle term be not universal there must be 2 particular middle terms and 4 in the Syllogism which is absurd, now as the middle term is the universal proposition and therefore the subject of the conclusion will be a particular affirmation.
- 107 But if the conclusion be a particular negative one of the premisses must be negative, for if they were both affirmative there would not be a negative conclusion.

Now 2 of the terms in the premisses are particular; that is the predicate of the affirmative and the subject of the particular. Therefore they other subject and predicate an 2 universals but one of them is the middle term and one of them, to wit, the predicate of the conclusion, is universal, therefore the subject of the conclusion is particular. not correct—

but this may be demonstrated in a clearer manner thus:

When the conclusion is a particular affirmation the premisses must be both affirmative for by Rule 5 if one of them were negative the conclusion would be negative, but it is affirmative in every affirmative proposition. The predicate is taken particularly hence the 2 predicates of the proposition are particular, but the subject

- 108 of one of the propositions by hypothesis is particular which makes 3 terms particular and leaves one to be universal which must be the subject of the other proposition and is the middle term which must by Rule first be universal but by Rule 2d the extremes cant be taken more universal in the conclusion than in the premisses and the middle term cant descend into the conclusion hence the subject of the proposition must be a particular, a term taken in a parts of its extremes.

A Particular negative conclusion must have one of the premisses affirmative, for if they were both negative no conclusion by Rule 3 can be drawn and if both affirmative, no negative conclusion by Rule 4 could be drawn,

hence one of the premisses is affirmative,
the other negative.

- 109 In every affirmative proposition then
the predicate is taken particularly
which disposes of one of the terms,
and in every negative proposition
the predicate is taken universally.
2 of the Extremes, as terms in the
premisses, by hypothesis, one of
the proposition is particular
whose subject must be a particu-
lar and whose predicate is
an universal. There are 2 univ—
and 2 Neg. terms in the premisses.
One of them must be the middle
term and the other because the
conclusion is negative must
have its predciate universal
and its subjects as particular
negative. —

Rule 6

If the premisses be both particular
no conclusion can be drawn—
for if one of them be a neg—
its predicate must be an univ—
and its subject particular and
if an affirmative they are both

- 110 particular hence the middle ter.
is particular and contrary
to all Rules. There can be no
conclusion.

Of the Form of Syllogysm

The form of a Syllogysm is
the proper disposition of the
3 terms so as to deduce
the Conclusion from the premisses.

Under this are Figure and
Mood of Syllogysm.

The Figure of Syllogysm
is the apt disposition of the
middle term in the premiss
which may be done 4 ways—
3 from Aristotle's Logick and one

from Galen—

The first is when the middle
term is the subject of the
magus proposition and the
predicate of the minor
ex omni homo sentit
 omnis homo est animal
ergo—omnis homo sentes

- 111 As all that can be said necessarily
more is said in the 14, 15,16,17
18,19, 20, 21 22, 23, 24 Pages of the
Latin compend we pass over it here.

On the Evidence of the Senses
By Evidence is meant the grounds
of our Judgements, and is of
3 sorts—Inductive, Deductive
and Testimony. Under inductive
is included the evidence of the
senses and the Evidence of
Memory. By the evidence of
the senses is meant the
proof of the existence of the
material traits, the means
by which we acquire all our
knowledge of extensive sensible
objects, but as the proof
of the information of the
senses has been denied by
some and called in question
by others we shall proceed to
inquire into the truth of

- 112 the information of the senses.
We shall first inquire into the
imperfections and deceptions.
I Into the objects perceived and
the subsequent judgements.
There is no perfection in any
of the senses but they have
all their imperfections; as
I cant see a bullet in the air
or a man 20 miles off—this
is imperfection but not deception.
Deception is when the senses

- deceive us by false representation
 as the sun appears but a foot
 broad or a picture or
 canvas appears rough &
 prominent whereas it is false
 but then things depend much
 upon the medium by which
 we perceive object—
 2 Although the objects may
 be all perceived yet
- 113 the judgements formed afterward
 may be incorrect and by con-
 sequence we may be thus deceived
 not by the perception but by
 the subsequent judgement.
 As if I put a straight stick
 in water it appears crooked
 but when taken out appears
 straight again, thus the
 judgements corrects and altho
 the stick appeared crooked
 yet our judgements correct this.
 In this case the judgements
 correct right, but of the rest
 of this exercise in notes.
- Feby 16th, 1809
- { Written in the class
 in a few minutes when afraid
 of being called up — —
 — 2 Essays grew in one.
 upon classification and exam-
 plified by 18th chap, of Proverbs
 and then upon 64 kinds of Sylogysms
 and 12 concluding moods.
- 114 ESSAY 17th—Feb. 20th
 On the various sorts of themes
 A theme is a proposition that will
 admit of a regular discussion
 or a proper arrangement of our ideas
 on any subject and is either simple
 or complex.
 A theme is derived from
Tiqhni—to place or next in order and

is the regular methodical arrangement of our Ideas upon a subject worthy of our minute investigation and either simple or complex.

A simple theme is a subject that is expressed in one word as Virtue, Man, or if it be expressed by more than one word has neither affirmation or negation as "the fall of the Roman Empire or the burning of Troy.—

The Rules for conducting a simple theme are 5—

1st—the word or subject of the theme must be considered, its origin and different signification. If it be ambiguous the ambiguity must be

- 115 removed that there may be no room left for doubt or suspicion.
 2d—That the qualities of the situation they may be, may be considered whether essential, proper or secondary, as in "Logick is an art to direct the powers of knowledge in search of truth" and then to point out its other qualities, etc.
 3—That they rise, progress, origin and fall of the subject if the subject admits of it.
 4—Concerning the Relation of that subject with other subjects as the Art of Logick with the Art of Rhetorick.
 5—Divide it into its parts by the laws of division if the subject will admit of such division.

A complex theme is a whole sentence expressing an affirmation as "the human will is free" or a negation as "the human will is not free." The Rules for a simple theme are involved in the

- 116 complex but a complex theme may be handled either in a solitary or social manner.
 A solitary theme is when the subject is handled by ones self without the aid of any person. It is either an exegesis or analysis.
 An exegesis is either theological or logical. The logical belongs only to us at present and in the illustration or conformation of a dubious important proposition as "the freedom of the human will." It consists in 3 parts:
 First, the prefatory remarks clearing up the terms and is called the *para kina*.
 Second is the confirmation or [? ?]
 Then the [? ?] or the answering of the objections.
 The other kind of solitary theme is the analysis and in which
- 117 we are to observe the 5 following particulars:
 first, he must answer who it is that speaks what are his principles.
 2d To whom is it addressed—to a learned—to an ignorant—assembly—to a strict or a mixed audience.
 3 Concerning what
 4 Upon what occasion—upon a mournful subject as a funeral sermon—on an action sermon—
 5 With what Mind—all then are to be attended to by the Analysis and last of all the style, the Composition, etc.
 The Social is when there are more than one. 2 or more engaged as of 2 parts Dialogue and

Dispute, — of then before —

ESSAY 18 Feby 25th

118 On the ARISTOTELIAN
Method of Dispute

"An inter Disputationis Scholasticus
aut inter Sylvas Academicae
quaerere verum utilis est—"

In this exercise we shall first describe
the Aristotelian method of dispute—

2 Point out the advantages that
accrue from it.

3 The Disadvantages that arise
from it,

and 4 Examine whether the advantages
or disadvantages preponderate.

First the method of Dispute—

The persons employed in these Disputes
were denominated the Respondent,
the opponent, and the Praesis or the
Arbiter, the office of the Respondent
was at a certain time before the
Dispute to compose and

publish a Thesis. At least 2 parts of
a thesis, the [? ?] and [? ?]

As the third part was anticipating
the opponents office it was omitted.

Then he had to defend this Thesis
which was upon a dubious subject against
all objections that might be

- 119 offered, which he done by refuting all
the Arguments preferred.
The office of the opponent was to oppugn
the Thesis which he done in the following
manner. When the Respondent had
ascended the Rostrum and in a modest
manner read over his thesis, the oppo-
nent arose and in a polite manner
thanked the Respondent for the Informa-
tion he had given him in his thesis
and then in a modest manner oppugned
the subject which he done by bringing
forward his objections in a regular
manner and after having sufficiently

- stated them concentrated them into a Regular Syllogism concluding in both mood and Figure which was called an anti-thesis, against the Thesis. This the Respondent repeated over before he answered it that the opponents might have time to make any amendements or alterations he thought necessary. The Respondent's terms were in his answer. If he passed on to the Conclusion he said "trannor major or trannor minor." If he denied them he said,
- 120 "negator major or negator minor" If he allowed them to be just he said, "Considitor major-considitor minor." If he desired them to be limited or distinguished he said, "limitanda est minor or major." 3 The office of the Praesis was to address the audience, which generally were very respectable and numerous, by an Introduction to the discourse pointing out the important advantages that resulted from such a dispute. Afterwards by assisting the Respondent if he stood in need as he was most exposed to be puzzled and disconverted. If the answers were to the point he applauded them and if they were ambiguous or doubtful in the least degree he cleared off the ambiguity and made the answer perspicuous — and last of all concluded by some decisive orations which concluded the whole dispute and pointedly decides in favor of some side of the thesis —
- SECOND—on the Advantages of this Method of Dispute —
- 121 1. As the Respondent had to be prepared to defend his Thesis before a numerous assembly and as his honor, his literary character, his reputation were at stake, he no doubt

closely studied the matter of his Thesis so that he might be able to defend it against every argument preferred; and the opponent in like manner analyzed, compared and scrutinized for the sake of finding out arguments which improved him in knowledge and in short exercised both their mental powers in a great degree which was one very formidable advantage—

2. It sharpens the judgement, calls knowledge from every quarter whether classical, historical, commercial or political and in a moment invents new arguments, proofs, etc. which improves the Invention.
3. It produces a steady reflected sort of mind, a strength of memory, keeps the mind constantly on the look out as it knows not whence an attack may come and by an habitual civilness and reflection improves the mind in

122 to a great degree. —

4. Versatility of speech is a natural consequent from such Debate. Having first studied the subject gives us a command of words upon it and then in the dispute it produces a fluency and easeness of speech, an important thing for a Scholar—and 5h

Disadvantages that flow.

First pertinacity of mind disposes us to be censorious. We are prone to carry this obstinacy of temper into the world and makes us a disagreeable companion and a torment to society.

2. It produces a skeptical state of mind, leads us to doubt, to call every thing into question, and to believe almost nother, scarcely Devine Revelation. It leads to Deism and even sometimes to call our Senses in question.

By the powers of taste I mean those powers of the mind by which we receive pleasure from the beauties of nature, and of Art.

The powers of taste are powers of sensation or sensibility, and differ from the powers of knowledge in the following respects:

1. The powers of knowledge are active in acquiring knowledge,

* that is, that faculty whether it be perception, Reflection or Reasoning (by which we acquire knowledge) which is directed to any object that we may know it is exerted in the act of acquiring knowledge of that object, but

The powers of taste, are passive in receiving sensations; that is, those powers of the mind which receive sensations need not to be directed or exerted in the receiving of those sensations. The qualities in the objects which cause the sensation make the impression upon those powers without—upon the mind as (to make use of an external sensible example) the seal doth upon the wax the seal adhere as the powers of knowledge are in acquiring nature and the wax as the powers of sensation is passive in receiving the Impression.

**124 The powers of knowledge act independent of any other assistance only they are under the command of the will. But,
The powers of taste can receive no impressions from the qualities of any object without the previous exercise of the powers of understanding

* This page is unnumbered.

* * This is a repetition of number on page 75.

hence the powers of taste are conferred powers because they include powers of Intelligence and of sensibility. The former active and the latter passive —

The powers of knowledge, and the powers of taste differ also in their object and end:

The powers of knowledge in their acts are not necessarily accompanied with pleasure or pain but the powers of sensibility are always affected by agreeable or disagreeable impressions. The objects of the powers of knowledge may

- 125 be external or internal, material or mental, but the objects of taste are all external and their inroads are not so numerous as the inroads of knowledge —

But to proceed to the second part, which is to show the effects of the emotions of taste upon the Imagination.

The direct and immediate pleasure received from the objects impressions made upon the powers of taste is little when compared to the pleasure produced by the effect of the emotions of taste upon the Imagination—and this is owing to the association of Ideas which the contemplation of the object that produce the pleasing emotions, suggests for this Reason objects the contemplation of which will produce no pleasure or very little in one individual when compared to that which

- 126 others receive from the contemplation of the same objects because the latter has an association of Ideas along with the contemplation of the object which give

wings to the Imagination, and
 it soars aloft through Regions of
 pleasure which the other image cant
 do for the want of having
 the same Ideas to associate
 along with the contemplation
 to give wing to his Imagination
 and to set it in flight, as
 that famous Swiss song which
 one can hear without almost
 any pleasing emotions yet
 were it to be sung to the Switz
 soldiers in a foreign land
 it would fire their Imagina-
 tion to that degree so that the effect is
 wrild heur (?)

127 we cant concur. It has to be
 prohibited to be sung in their
 hearing when in a distant
 land. —

However, the object that
 produces the first emotion must
 have some qualities interesting
 to give wing to the Imagination
 to set it in motion which if
 nothing retard will produce
 great pleasure in the Imagination,
 considerably augment the plea-
 sure in contemplating the object,
 for example, when I see those
 fields where in the fervour of
 youths warm emotion, my
 old companions and I spent the
 evening hours in pleasing
 amusements; in the midst
 of those fields I see the old
 shady oak under which
 my forefathers in their turn

128 sat—all now gone to their long
 home, so that I may say
 that that oak has droped
 its masters as it droped its
 leaves; there my Imagination

flies first to former days
and traces then my
past Ancestors from those
days when like me they
thought all mortal but
themselves. Through all
their life, even to the grave, and am next
lead to imagine that
in future days some per-
haps of my descendants
shall in like manner
view this tree with the same
emotions concerning me then —

129 gone the way of all my
ancestors. So I am filled here
with Pious thoughts to that
Being in whose hands are my
life and breath and all
my concerns.—I don know
of any object more calculated to
excite the most pleasing
emotions and to give full
scope to the Imagination as
to see a person dig a grave in some
burying place where stands
an ancient Cathedral; let me
imagine myself digging a
grave then, where in every
shovel full some atom that
once had its part in the
organization of an human
being is cast up.

130 When I find the Remains of the
Infant, the stripling, the
youth, the man of mature
age and the man of many
years, crumbled among
one another and blended
together in the same mass —
how infant smiles, beauty,
strength and youth, with
old age, weakness and de-
formity lie undistinguished

in the same promiscuous
 mass of matter, I am lost
 and sunk in Imagination.
 I trace them through what
 I would think to be their
 various scenes of life, I
 trace them in my Imagina-
 tion so to speak from the
 womb to the grave—

- 131 My mind is filled with
 Imagination too big for
 birth —

Essay 20th On the
 Purpose served in our
 Constitution by the Reflexe
 sense of Beauty:

Doubtless the wise Author of our
 nature has not endowed us
 with any faculties of mind or
 body that are not useful to
 us and conferred on us for
 good and wise ends that
 we might be capable of admiring
 the works of Creation and there-
 in behold the wisdom, power
 and goodness of the Author, that
 we might be enabled to
 observe the grandeur, sublimity
 and beauty of all his
 works and receive pleasure

- 132 in contemplating his goodness
 in thus preparing an
 habitation for us—he hath
 endowed us with powers of
 receiving pleasures from the
 beauties of nature and Art,
 these powers are called internal senses.
 Each particular power differs
 from another in itself in the
 qualities of external objects
 that make an impression on
 it. In the emotions produced
 in the mind and, in the

final cause, but as we are
to confine ourselves to the purposes
served in our constitution by
the internal sense of Beauty
we shall proceed to point
them out-----

That as Man is destined for
the enjoyment of perfect beauty
hereafter it was wise and

- 133 kind in the wise Author of
Nature to give him a
taste for it and a sense
to feel it.
The objects that man in his future
state of happiness is destined to behold
are represented to us in Divine
Revelation, as perfectly beautiful —
(both in color, proportion and variety)
not only the objects which he is to
behold but the sounds which he
is to hear are to be harmonious
and beautiful to the ear. Were
he then entirely unacquainted
with what is beautiful in sight
or sound, had he no sense to feel
it nor taste for it, all those Dis-
criptions would be of no avail,
no inducement to him to excite
him to virtuous actions that he
might enjoy his happiness forever.

- 134 But that we might be excited by
these Representations, to seek for
this happiness, our present con-
sitution is so organized as to
view pleasure from these
qualities, called the beautiful, in external objects
insomuch that the eyes is not
satisfied with seeing nor the
ear with hearing. No qualities
in objects make such an impression
upon the mind, nor excite
so much desire for the possession
as the Beautiful.

2. It tends to make this present state more pleasing —
 From none of the Internal senses do we receive so much pleasure as from the sense of beauty—no qualities in objects interest us so much as the beautiful.
- 135 The vast variety of beautiful qualities in the works of creation and of Art have given rise to this definition of taste: that it is the power of receiving pleasure from the beauties of Nature and of Art. —
 It produces the most refined Pleasure. To prove this let us suppose Man to have no sensation of Beauty, and then where is his pleasure? —
 If he have any it must be of the most gross kind; sensual and only pleasing as good or evil—where would be the beauties of the rising and setting sun, of the Radiance of the risen day and all the variety of color in the speckled clouds that stand proportional on the face of the vast concave of heaven. Where would be
- 136 the pleasing trains of Imagination that would naturally be associated with such a beautiful scene. Not possessed of a sense of Beauty we must behold this otherwise beautiful scene with as much coldness and indifferency as we would the dark night and irregular motion of some ill shapen object —
 not the harmony of human voices nor the wabbling melody of the grove, would excite one more pleasing emotion than most ungrateful sounds or than the most discordant sounds

or the solemn
 silence of the moonless night.
 3. It proves an Incentive to the
 study of nature, when delighted-
 ly the exterior appearances
 of the works of nature

137 are convicted to study the causes
 and to trace the effects of this Beauty
 and in our studies we are lightened
 by the beauties interfused and
 our mind is every where
 relieved by the occurrence of what
 is beautiful, and filled with
 the most pleasing sensations —

*Note: those powers are called inter-
 nal sense from an analogy or
 resemblance betwixt them and
 the external organs of sense.

The desire for beauty is not
 lessened by new gratifications.
 In short all the beauties of spring
 and of the blooming year with
 all the variety and beauties in
 the works of nature and art
 would excite in us no more pleas-
 ing Emotions than were all
 nature a mere jargon of
 discordances and a chaos of confusion.

* Whereas on the other hand we find
 the most refined pleasure
 in the contemplation of the beauty
 of color, proportion and harmony,
 of all the works of creation and
 the beauties of Art than in
 any other powers or capacity
 of taste with which we are en-
 dowed.

* What is meant by a standard.
 What is meant by a standard of taste.
 What is the standard of taste?
 By a standard we understand

* *Note:* These pages are unnumbered in the manuscript.

that which is the test of other things of the same kind, that to which things of the same kind are compared, that we may appreciate their true value. It must be of undoubted Authority else it cannot properly be called a standard, such as a yard is that standard by which we measure certain commodities, a quart is a standard by which we appreciate liquids, a pound by which we appreciate solid bodies, etc. and a guinea of a certain weight by which we appreciate other guineas or gold —

By a standard of taste we understand that test to which we compare works of taste in order to appreciate their worth.

- 138 To it we bring works of taste. We compare them by it and judge of them accordingly. That standard of taste to which we compare works of taste that we may appreciate their worth is General Approbation, that which is in general esteemed true taste but as all men cannot be said to be judges of the works of taste, we cannot by general approbation understand the whole common multitude of mankind, only those of them who from education or culture may be so enabled to judge of the productions of others and bring them to that which is the opinion of the generality of the learned - Even not all the learned can be properly called the true judges or the standard bearers of taste

- 139 in general as there are many works of taste of a quite different species from one another there must

be a particular standard for each. For instance, in sculpture, in music, in poetry, in painting, they must have their separate standards hence it must be only those whose education and practice has been most particularly applied to works of taste of this or that species that can properly be said to be the general approvers whose opinion is the standard of this or that object of taste as the poet of poetry, the painter of painting, and the musician of music. General approbation must still be qualified a little farther. As there are certain periods in society favorable to genius and improvement, favorable to improvement in taste and to fine Arts, so there are

- 140 certain periods in society when the General Approbation cannot be the most proper standard. For example, the General Approbation of the learned in the Scholastic Age would not be so good a standard for us to approach our works of taste as the General Approbation of the last century. When the terms General Approbation are thus qualified we admit it to be the only just and surest standard of taste.

March 30th —1809

- 141 Some thoughts on Sensations, etc. External objects which produce sensations in the mind make their way to the mind by means of the external organs of sense. Some sensations are more acute and permanent than others, even the same sensations reed, from the same sensible objects

- differ in degrees of intensity according to the organ through which the impression is acquired. For example, by two organs I can acquire an Idea of war or of an immediate attack. When thirty thousand are slain on each side I get a knowledge of this by one of two mediums of conveyance—I can read or hear of it. I can hear all the horrors described in the most expressive manner, hear of the Death of this and that Captain or general described minutely.
- 142 I can hear with such a degree of pity and interest myself so much as to weep for its dire effects, in one word I have read, such an impression of it that I feel most poignantly. But were I to have been a party present, had I had my hand in the martial scene, and had seen thousands of my fellow creatures fall at my side and behold their garments soiled in their own blood, I must have felt in a manner many times more acute than in the former case and have received impressions or sensations infinitely more permanent than had I only read of it—June 1st, 1809
— Continued Thoughts
- 143 Thoughts on habit —
Very powerful are the effects of habit. In one way its effects are the most happy and in another the most baneful. In the former case when its effects are most happy is when by it we learn an useful art. With how much facility and dexterity does the musician lift and place his fingers

upon a musical Instrument when he has been habituated to it for a number of years when compared to the efforts he made in playing the first time. In like manner the Rope Dancer and many other, many more valuable, occupations are learned by habit—such as all the fine arts and many of the Common Arts.-----
 But 2dly, as it is the baneful and pernicious effects of habit I wish most to illustrate—

Habit is like an Instrument, it is good when employed to good and valuable acts, and evil when applied to pernicious ones but its

- 144 baneful effects steal much more insensibly upon us than its useful and valuable ones. With how much sensibility of feeling and sympathy do we enter into the case of the distressed when in our life time perhaps we only meet with one or two distressed persons. But if we are daily employed in visiting the oppressed and infirm we become so accustomed to their complaints that our Ear is almost insensible to all their entreaties and our hearts calous to the most lamentable tale —
 I have heard of a young physician when attending his first Patients to be very much interested in his distressed situation and to have fainted when some serious operation took place—at which those who had been along with him scoffed and derided.

- *155 In like manner he when he became by habit more hardened, he laughed

* *Note:* At this point in the manuscript the numbering jumps from 144 to 155. Was this an error on Campbell's part? There is no evidence of pages being removed.

at the timidity and tender feeling
of other young Practitioners.—
But the hurtful effects of habit
are still more conspicuous when
we behold with how much fear,
timidity and diffidence a young
man or woman who have not had
(it may be) serious impressions all
their life till some particular occa-
sion will address their Creator
or read a portion of his holy
word while he or she who has
been educated in a religious fami-
ly all their life can read the
word of God, sing psalms
or pray with as little concern &
solemnity as if they were reading
or singing some flippant air
or speaking to some companion,
rushing into the presence of their
Creator as the horse rusheth into
the battle.

156 These and such like are the
effects of habit. Only witness the
grave digger, the hoary headed
sexton or the hearse driver who
in the language of the poet
laugh at the bugbear Death,
while may be the young mind
trembles when it beholds the funeral
scarf or equipage, While
the young heart beats when
it enters the house of the Dead,
the graveyard.

"Ill customs by degrees to habits rise,
Ill habits soon become exalted vice."

157 Extracts from Scot
1. (on Hope) I Pet. 1:17 (last clause) The Christians best
state of mind is a clear proportion of humble fear
and believing hope at an equal distance from
presumption and despondancy. *Without hope*
a man is like a ship that has *no anchor*,
without fear he resembles one who has *no ballast*.

2. on Heb. and I Pet. 1:10—Shall *holy* prophets be so desirous to know the time when these things should happen; and *holy* angels to look into these glorious uncertainties? and shall we to whom and for whose happiness this Gospel news revealed, neglect, *not only to obtain.*, but even to know this great salvation! (wholely in Scott) —
3. True religion consists of *Doctrine*, experience and practice and he who seperates them destroys the whole.
4. Religion or religious worship consists of 3 parts *adoration, thanksgiving and supplication.*

158 Extracts from John Walker's address to the Methodists in Ireland.

- 1 The writer who takes the sacred scripture *alone* for the standard of his faith; and takes the *whole* of them must expect opposition and dislike, more or less from all sects and parties.
- 2 The more clearly we maintain and exhibit the simplicity of the real Gospel of Christ, the more we shall be disliked and dispised by the *world*.
- 3 The Gospel which proposes a foundation for the sinners hope altogether *out of himself* and calls him to live a life which he is to live *not by himself*, "but by the faith of the son of God" is on this account particularly offensive to the world.
- 4 It is no part of the work of grace to *mend* the corrupt nature. *That* nature is as bad—as wholly evil in a believer, as in an unbeliever, as bad in the most established believer as in the weakest; — as bad in Paul the Apostle just finishing his course and ready to receive the Crown of righteousness as in Saul of Tarsus, a blasphemer & a persecutor of the Church of Christ.
- 5 What are we to understand by being sanctified, or made holy? I answer in a word —*seperated unto God*. Successfully brought into a particular relation unto him, appropriated to his use and service. This is the literal meaning of *qdsh*. For this reason persons,

places and things have been said to be sanctified in the bible. See Levit. 20, 24, 26. Deut. 2-6,14-27
 believers are "*chosen* out of the world: *his peculiar people; a holy nation*" from the babe in Christ to the Father. I Pet. 2 cf. consider
 6 I Cor. 1:30. of him & — Believers are in a *new state, "in Christ Jesus."* not of themselves but "*of him*" of God; then Christ is made unbroken *in him* "and in righteousness of sanctification and redemption—his sanctification and justification equally result from being in Christ.— — —"

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1 Pet 1-5

1 In consequence of *this union* the spirit of holiness the Spirit of life and power descends and dwells in them providing in them *the fruits of holiness* even that cluster of Heavenly affection Gal 5 22 23. and then fruits are produced because they are kept "*abiding in Christ.*" John 5:4, 5. Gal 2-20, walking *in him*. Col. 2-6; and they are kept then continually in Christ by the spirits keeping them under a continual conviction of their need of him — as poor sinners who *have in themselves*, neither reighteousness nor strength; and testifying to their hearts that in him they have *righteousness* and *strength*, in whom *alone* all the sin of Israel *is justified* and shall glory sound in the Lord with an everlasting salvation, (see Is 45 17-24-25) testifying of his offices and character, they are kept by the "*powers of God through faith unto salvation.*"

2 This work of the spirit which is a work of experience from beginning and then *fruits of holiness*, are indeed various in various believers, and in the same believer at various times
 'I know no limit to them !—
 any more than the unsearchable riches of Christ.

3 They mistake the work of the spirit who think that it *improves* our corrupt nature or makes it cease to be corrupt, and capable of any good fruit.

- 4 All to whom the word of Salvation is sent without exception and without distinction are *warranted by his word*, Yea, commanded to believe called and commanded to trust in him. All indeed will *not obey* the Gospel, none will but them to *whom it is given to believe* but the unbelief of others is their great sin which it could not be without they were commanded and warranted to believe.
- 160 (1) The Doctrine of a sinners justification as the *free gift of God in Christ Jesus* to every one that *believes* is the essential difference betwixt *the Gospel* and all human systems.
- 2 This Doctrine Luther said is the turning point of a *standing* and *falling* Church, and it may be truly said to be the turning point of true religion or false religion.
- 3 On Conviction of sin.
The conscience may be ever too much *terrified* without *true conviction* of sin with respect to the difference of *terror of conscience*, and *conviction of sin*: I would observe that either of these may be without the other, a man may suffer great alarm of conscience from the condemnation of an angry God, and from appearance of imminent danger. When he does not see the extent spirituality and holiness of the Law, —no conviction of its righteousness in divine conscience as the immutable and deserved penalty of every transgression of its commands—no discouragement of the root and seat of sin in the heart.—and there may be all these essential characteristics of true conviction of sin here notwithstanding the conscience "cleansed" by the blood of sprinkling which speaketh peace, without greatly apprehending and when the spirit of adoption in the heart enables the same to cry abba father, in him who has borne a curse for him nay indeed it is only in the same *believing* view of the cross

of Christ that the sinner can get the deepest conviction of sin. It is then he believes its most awful element and the most glorious discovery of the Love and kindness of the father and son in providing such a ransom.

4 On Repentance. That repentance which is unto life is not any thing *preceding* faith or unconnected with it; but is that *new mind* of which we are made to partake when we are given to believe with the heart in Jesus.

161 There may be a pregnant sorrow for sin when there is no true repentance.—

1 On Party names.

I observe that the scriptures positively testify against the practise of Christians calling them selves by their earthly leaders. If I were to choose any man by whose name I would call myself, I would be apt to select Paul and call myself a *Paulite*. but against this Paul himself would protest: and should I call myself a Calvinist or a disciple of Calvin—Nor would I ever wish to descend from the high character of a servant of Jesus Christ, to that of a champion

for the opinions of any man —

Against Arminians

2 I am persuaded that all that *are saved* are saved from a proud rebelliousness of heart, and subdued to a thankful acquiescence in the revealed way of salvation, glad to be saved by *mere mercy* and convinced that if it were not *mercy* saving them they would not be saved at all. — — —

3 I would observe that to charge God with Cruelty for not extending that same grace and saving mercy to others is in effect to deny the existence of his mercy altogether. The very idea of mercy is that it is gratuitous. That is, not the gift of mercy which may not be justly withheld and that cannot justly be withheld which it would be cruelty to withhold.—

4 Alas! What a different Book would the bible be if systematic Divines—if

uninspired men of any sect or party shared the compilation of it—I see as many marks of wisdom in what is (omitted?) in the bible as what tis (included?) . . .
end of this address —

- 162 General Observations on Church Government: derived from the Scriptures
 In the Church of Christ at its creation there were different officers or builders appointed, such as Apostles and prophets etc, tongues, etc, but in the Church as to be regularly *governed, taught* and regulated to the end of the word there are but two classes of officers or two kinds of offices, namely "Bishops and Deacons."
 We have the qualifications of these given seperately and distinctly but for any other *office of human invention and appointment* we have *not one word* in the word of God instructing us in their qualifications. Observe *1*—that there is but two officers in Church see Philippians, 1 chap. 1 verse. The Greek word for bishop is *episcopus* whence comes episcopacy. The meaning of the word "*episcopus*" is *overseer*, which signifies a servant. —
 2 One of these officers, namely, the bishop was to *superintend* the spiritual concerns of the people; to *rule* them, to *teach* them, to *find* them. In one word see his qualifications 1 Tim. 3 chap. —1 verse to the end of the 7th. (1) He was to *work* in his office not like the english bishops who only *superintend* see verse 1st 2 He must *teach* also see verse 2d (3) He must be able to *rule* or take care of the Church. See vses 4 and 5.
 3 See the qualifications of the Deacon 1 Tim; 3, 8 to the end of 13 verse. — and also Acts 6-1-7. They were only to attend to such things.

- 163 Objections answered:
1. Have we not the office of an Elder spoken of in the Word of God? Yes, but it is used in the bible as equivalent to the word *bishop*; see Acts 20th—17. Paul there called *the elders* of the church and gives them an advice see verse 28th, take heed to the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you *overseers* or bishops, as we shewed. The word bishop to mean an overseer and it is the same word here which is elsewhere translated bishop.
 1. The apostles called themselves *elders* see John, second epistle 1st verse & his 3d epistle 1st verse, but particularly see 1 Peter 1, 2, 3, 4, verses—the elder's office here spoken of is the same as the bishops, verse 2d, they were to find the flock; they were to *take the oversight* or the *episcopacy* as it is still the same word which denotes the bishop—and moreover—the apostles who called themselves elders had also the office of the bishop, see Acts of the Apostles 1-2d verse, where their office is said to be a *bishoprick*. If need be see a still more conclusive proof: Titus 1-6 where the apostle authorises them to ordain *elders* and then verses 6, 7, 8, 9 gives Titus the qualifications of an elder and of the term *bishop*. And shews him that the elder must have the qualifications of a bishop. — They were called bishops on account of their office and *elders* on account of the advanced trend of their living; they being generally old men.
- 164 The Greek word translated "*elder*" is "*presbyter*" whence comes *presbytery*.
 On the Number of Elders
 In the seperate churches, it appears that there was a *plurality* of elders or bishops in every *church*, and we may

suppose that there more and less on account of the largeness of the Church.

In the Church of Christ at Philippi we read of "*bishops*", a plurality of them as well as Deacons; Acts 20, 17th we read of a plurality of Elders or as they are called bishops verse 20 in the church of Ephesus; and in Acts, 14-23 we find that there were a plurality of elders ordained in *every church*, and James in his general epistle to the Churches, tells them if they be sick to call for the *elders of the church* 5 chap-14 vse and in the Church at Jerusalem Acts 15-4 we read of elders in the church as well as the apostles who resided there, Titus 1-5 —

Thus John proves that there was a presbytery or elders in every church;—

Respecting ordination;

Acts 14.23 we read that two persons were employed to ordain, to wit Paul & Barnabas.

Acts 13.2 we read Paul and Barnabas were ordained by imposition of hands but it is uncertain whether it was by one or more as the word "their" is not in the original.

Acts 9-17 we read that Ananias laid his hands only on Paul —

1 Tim. 4.14 we read of the laying on of the hands of the presbytery on Timothy. We read also 2 Timothy 1-6 that Paul only had laid his hands on him—and also we learn that Timothy and Titus

165 authority to ordain elders or bishops which is sufficient for one example, as the laying on of hands in the apostles time was to communicate peculiar gifts sometimes to the persons on whose heads they laid their hands, and for the purpose of setting a part to some particular office, such as the bishops or elders. We find in the rules for governing the Church given by the apostle to Timothy and Titus that

every minister of the Gospel regularly ordained has power to ordain *bishops* or *elders*,— see 1 Tim, 5.22. 2. *Tim.* 2. Titus 1-5, each of which shew that Timothy and Titus had as an example to the Church power to ordain faithful men who should be able to teach other also, but we find many ministers, many eminent preachers, preaching for a long time without any ordination at all. see Acts 8.4 and Acts 11-19, 20, 21.

2 Convictions of sin, remarks on,
 1 Pestulations, sorrows, rejections, denials, fears, are no duty unto any, they sometimes ensue on convictions of sin. They belong not to the precept of the Law but *unto curses*. They are no part of what is required of us but what is inflicted on us; 2 a conviction of sin, of a state of sin, of a curse of sin and that the soul is satisfied that it is thereby obnoxious to the wrath of God is indispensably necessary. Rom. 3 19. Gals. 3.22
 3 a due apprehension that there is no way of escape but by Jesus Christ. —

Remarks on a kind of temptation and convictions;

1. That they have not attained such a degree of sorrow for sin and humiliation as in necessary unbelievers that are called to believe in Jesus,
 2 That those who persuade them to believe know not how great sinners they are, its enough for them that Christ save the greatest.

166 1 On the means of regenerating faith
 1 This is the proper and peculiar work of the Gospel since the giving of the first promise. John 1.18 Rom. 1.16 1 Peter 1.23 James 1.18 Eph. 1.8.9.10,
 2 To this purpose that faith be wrought it is necessary the Doctrines of redemption, righteousness and salvation by Jesus Christ be declared and made known to convinced sinners. Rom. 10.13.14.15.
 2 Sinfulness of unbelief
 1 It is a rejecting of the testimony of God which he gives of his wisdom, love and grace; with the excelling and certainty of the way of salvation which is to make God a liar. 1 Jhn 5.10; Jhn 3; 2.3.4
 2 a contempt of Love and Grace the highest

provocation that can be offered unto the Divine Majesty.

3 On the proposing of Christ in the evangelical proposition of him 3 things are proposed.

1. That there is a way yet remaining for sinners whereby they may escape the curse of the law and the wrath of God; which they have deserved. Ps. 130.4; Job 33:24 Acts 4.12.

2. That the foundation of their ways lies in an atonement made by Jesus Christ unto the justice of God, and satisfaction to his Law for sin. Rms 3.25, 2 Cor 5-21, Gal 3.13.

3. That God is well pleased with the atonement and his will is that we should accept of it & acquiesce in it. 2 Cor 5.18:19: Is. 53.11.12 Rm 5.10,11. —

167 Account of sermons preached 2d year of my ministry beginning July 15, 1811,

Sermons	Texts	Dates	Places
1	1 Cor. 15:49:	July 21, 1811:	Washington
2	1 John 2:1-3.	— 24, 1811:	George Archers, Buffalo
3*	Rom 3:20	— 28, 1811:	George Crawford on
4*	Acts 13:38-39	— 28, 1811.	Rush Run
5*	Math; 28:19-20	— 30, 1811.	Thos. Burns,
6*	Is. 55:1	Aug 4, 1811.	Cadiz —
7*	Is. 17:9	— 4, 1811.	Ditto,
8*	Heb. 11:1	— 6, 1811	2 miles from Cadiz.
9*	Math. 28:19	— 8, 1811.	Samuel Gilmores
10*	John 8:31-32	— 10, 1811	St. Clairsville.
11*	Rom 3:20	— 11, 1811.	Joseph Sharpes
12*	2 Cor. 5:21	— 11, 1811	Ditto
13*	Phil 3:8	— 12, 1811	Mr. Greenlees
14*	Heb. 8:11-13	— 13, 1811	Mr. McAdam
15	2 Cor. 5:4	— 17, 1811.	Brush Run
16	Gal. 6:15,16.	— 24, 1811.	Sgt. McDonaghs
17	Mark 16:15,16	Ditto—	Ditto—
18	Gal. 6:15,16	— 26, Ditto	Stuarts Wells Mill
19	Heb. 3:1	— 28, 1811	George Archers,
20	Heb. Ditto	— Sept. 1st	Washington
21	Heb. Ditto	— 8, 1811	Brush Run
22	Heb. Ditto	— 15, 1811	Crossroads
23	Rom. 6:21	— 22, 1811	Stubenville

* In Ohio State.

24	Acts 11:26		Ditto	Ditto
25	James 1:7:	—	12 Ditto	George Archers
26	John 5:39	—	23 Ditto	Jas. McCroy's
27	Math. 11:27	—	26 Ditto	G: Archer.
28	Num. 22-24 Chap	—	29	Christian Hulmans
29	1 Cor: 1:30	—	29	Ditto—
30	Ep. 2:8—	Octob. 6.		George Crawfords
31	Exodus 15:11 with Heb. 12:14		Ditto	Ditto
32	John 5: 39		Monday 7	Rush Run
33	Rom. 6:21	—	13th	Brush run
34	Math. 11:27	—	16th	Ben Stuarts
35				
36	Ecc. 12:9—	—	18	David Carsons
37	Acts 13:38-42	—	21	Cadiz
38	Acts 2:38	—	28	Ditto
39	I Cor. 1:30	—	28	Ditto
40	Heb. 7:25	—	21	Ditto
41	Is. 53:11	—	25	Ditto
42	John 18:36	—	26	Ditto
43	Gal. 6:15.16			Jos. Sharp Wheeling
168	Texts			
44	Ep. 2:8	Nov.	3, 1811	Hewetstown
45	Ex 15:11; Heb. 12:14	Nov.	3, 1811	Hewetstown
46	2 Cor. 5:17	Nov.	7: 1811:	George Archers
47	Ditto—	—	17 ———	Crossroads
48	Rom. 9:33	—	29 ———	Brush run
49	Gal. 6:14	—	15 ———	David Jones
50	Ditto	—	18 ———	Crossroads
51	John 8:31,32	—	24 ———	Washington
52	Heb. 7:25	—	25 ———	Mr. Gurrey
53	John 6:67	Dec.	1st 1811	Brush run
54	Rom. 10:3		8 1811	Cadiz
55	James 1:7		10 1811	Ditto
56	Ditto		22 1811	Crossroads
57	Rom. 7:4-5		12 1811	Wheeling
58	————		17 1811	McAdams
59	————		19 1811	Archers
60	Rom. 6:21-23		13	Moorestown
61	————		17	Charlestown
62	Hebrews 3:1	Dec.	15	St. Clairesville
63	Is. 73:11	Dec.	29, 1811	Smithfield
64	2 Cor. 6:21	Dec.	30	Charlestown
	End of year 1811			A. Campbell

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171 1 Encrease of the Methodists in America
 In the year 1766 Philip Embury and Thomas Webb local preachers emigrated from Europe to N. York and there formed a few small societies. About the same time Robert Strowbridge a local preacher settled in Fridonia County, State of Maryland who formed a few societies in this place. In 1769 Richard Boardman came to N. York. In 1771 Francis Asbury. In June 1773 the first annual conference ever held on this continent among this order was organized at Philadelphia. It consisted of 10 Preachers who were in connection with those in England. At this time the number of members in the United States were 1,160—After the American War the itinerant preachers amounted to 104 and the number of members 18,000. After the war the Methodist in America were seperated from those in Europe and Thomas Coke, L.S.D. a presbyter created bishop by the imposition of hands. In 1785 a conference was held at Baltimore, the Methodist Episcopal Church formed themselves into an independent church, i.e., independent of England. 1799, the number of itinerant preachers amounted to 170 and the members to 61,351. At present, 1810, they have 616 itinerant preachers together with about 4 times that many local preachers. They to willing preachers have committed to take charge 174,560 members.

	<i>members</i>	
In 1773	1,160	
In 1810	174,560	and this

increase in 37 years, in one year they encreased 17,336, and last year 98 current preachers entered the travelling connexion.

	<i>members</i>
1800	64,894
1801	72,876
1802	80,734
1803	104,070
1804	113,134
1805	119,945

1806	130,570
1807	144,590
1808	150,995
1809	163,633
1810	174,560

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