

The writer of these pages, by no means without the
the denomination to which he belongs, should have
granted to them any other, or be put in possession of
any rights not possessed equally by all and every other
denomination. *Discovered liberty of conscience is the
fundamental tenet of Protestant Dissenters.* They claim
only what they would grant. Let them only but pos-
sess this liberty unshackled, and they will succeed in
propagating their sentiments, just in proportion as those
sentiments include interesting and important truths; if
the principles they inculcate be not according to the
Spirit of truth, no legal establishment would make them
so; and if they be, no legal disabilities will make them
error.

Thus have we taken a hasty and brief view of the
moral state and character of Newfoundland: this very
thing was undertaken once before while the writer re-
sided in the island, he intended then to have exhibited
this subject in his appendix to the Sermon preached and
published in *Commemoration of the Benevolence of the
Cisterne of Boston, who sent down after the dreadful fires
a gratuitous supply of bread and flour for the distressed
sufferers*; but was prevented by the impossibility of
getting the statement printed, as may be seen by a re-
ference to that appendix, page vii.* The printer found
from the nature of the matter to be published, that it

* A few copies of this Sermon remain unsold, and may be had
on application to the Author, or to Mr. Samuel T. Armstrong.