

scarcely less clear that the dead nettle must be protected by its likeness to the other. Assuming that the ancestor of the dead nettle had leaves possessing a faint resemblance to those of the true nettle, those in which the likeness was greatest would have the best chance of survival, and consequently of ripening seeds. There would be a tendency, therefore, according to the well-known principles of Mr. Darwin, to a closer and closer resemblance. Leaves which float on the surface of still water tend to be round. In running water, on the contrary, leaves tend to become more or less elongated; and subaqueous leaves of fresh-water plants have a great tendency either to become long and grass-like, or to be divided in more or less hair-like filaments.

On the whole, we see, I think, that many, at any rate, of the forms presented by leaves have reference to the conditions and requirements of the plant; and if my main argument is correct, it opens out a very wide and interesting field of study, for every one of the almost infinite forms of leaves must have some cause and explanation.

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ONE'S opinion of the individual described in the following words will depend very much upon the punctuation given: "He is an old and experienced man in vice and wickedness he is never found in opposing the works of iniquity he takes delight in the downfall of his neighbors he never rejoices in the prosperity of any of his fellow-creatures he is always ready to assist in destroying the peace of society he takes no pleasure in serving the Lord he is uncommonly diligent in sowing discord among his friends and acquaintances he takes no pride in laboring to promote the cause of Christianity he has not been negligent in endeavoring to stigmatize all public teachers he makes no effort to subdue his evil passions he strives hard to build up Satan's kingdom he lends no aid to the support of the Gospel among the heathen he contributes largely to the evil adversary he will never go to the abode of the good he must go where he will receive a just recompense."