

being pretty well scattered his church; some of the brethren that were connected with it in company with others are determined to go fully into the order of the Gospel, they are anxious that I should spend part of my time with them.

I trust that an effectual door is now opened in Frederickton for the advancement of the truth, but I find my labor is very severe for me, my time is so completely taken up that I have not had time to visit you this winter, though I have been very anxious so to do. I have travelled from five to 25 and 30 miles to my appointments, and with very few exceptions I have not missed a Lord's day since I returned to the Province, but have endeavored to hold forth the truth to the people and getting but little remuneration so far as a livelihood is concerned. Some of my time must be spent in my studies to be prepared with argument for my opponents. That together with the support of myself and family and traveling to my appointments I find to be a heavy task "*I tell you!*" Admit all my surrounding difficulties, some of which I do not name, together with opposition from the sects, slander from my enemies, a jealous eye over me by hundreds watching my halting, false brethren laying snares for my feet, being fair to my face and thrusting daggers into my character behind my back, misconstruing and lying about my public declarations, cause me sometimes to exclaim in the language of David "*I shall some day fall by the hand of my enemy!*" O, pray for me that I may yet be preserved, live down all the lies and slander of my enemies, and be saved at last when our Lord Jesus Christ shall come with all his saints.

Yours in the good hope,

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### THE FIRST RELIGIOUS NEWSPAPER.

*The first newspaper devoted exclusively to religion, published in the United States, if not in the world, originated with, and was edited by Elias Smith.* This is a question not fully settled in many minds.—For my own part I have not yet heard of another paper dating back so far by some seven years. Precedence has been given, by some, to a Congregational paper published in Boston, called the Recorder, but this dates no farther back than 1814.

"THE HERALD OF GOSPEL LIBERTY," was published at Portsmouth, New Hampshire, as early, I think, as 1807 or 1808. It is now many years since I read it. I cannot, therefore, assert positively as to the year. It was a medium quarto sheet and conducted with much ability. Few men in New England possessed better speaking and writing abilities than did Elias Smith, during the first fifteen years of the present century. He was, indeed, a remarkable man. Had he been in possession of that kind of firmness and decision of character which characterized Luther, Calvin, and Wesley, his memory this