



Revolution of St. John not the... I imagine this very common mistake must arise from our being accustomed to speak of the Lamentations of Jeremiah, in which case the word is plural.

It cannot be said that a few words on that fertile source of mistakes among our clergy, the mispronunciation of scripture proper names. This, let me remind them, is quite inexcusable. It shows a disregard and absence of pains in the matter, about the least of which no pains ought to be spared.

It is justifiable in them to allow themselves to offend by their ignorance or carelessness of the ears of the most intelligent of their hearers? This was not the spirit of one who said he would not eat meat while the world lasted, if it scandalized his neighbor. But this is not all. When I hear a man flounder about among St. Paul's assertions, calling half of them wrongly, I know that man does not know his Bible. The same carelessness is sure to show itself in misquoting of texts, wrong understanding of obnoxious phrases, and the like.

Three Sundays ago, Jan. 18th, we had the crucial chapter, Rom. xvi, for the evening lesson. "A friend writes to me from a distant city in Italy." "In the afternoon a stranger officiated, but as he intimated Assurances and Patrobes, I knew what to expect in the sermon, and so it was." Another writes from London, that he was on that day at a fashionable London church and heard Epistles and Patrobes introduced to the congregation.

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When the frail form that once sparkled beneath the chain that binds us to one spot, when the heart's strings, held down by many a link, when they have broken, and we are left as we are, there, kindred spirits shall kindred spirit, friend shall embrace friend; and the loved, the loved shall part shall rejoice together, and sweeter than the sweetest music shall come the remembrance; "they shall go no more out forever."

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Pleasant, most pleasant it is, as we pursue our walk, to watch the flickering clouds that dance across the sunny sky; to mark the active labors of the husbandman whistling as he ploughs; to catch, now and then, the merry chirp of some bird, doubtless busily engaged in building its humble nest, as it fits to and from the willows beneath whose shade we onward went, seeming to sing, as it pursues its labor.

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Reflections on Spring. We love a solitary ramble now and then. Much as we delight in the society of friends, fully as we appreciate their kind companionship, there are times when, emphatically, we can say, "It is good to be alone." Nor are we singular in this respect. Few, indeed, are those who do not delight in occasional hours of solitude; and even our Great Teacher, who has left us an example that we should tread in his footsteps, was wont to withdraw from the crowds by which he was almost continually surrounded, and alone, upon the mountain top, hold his hallowed communion with his Heavenly Father.

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DEAR MR. EDITOR,—For a long time I have intended to write for the Provincial Wesleyan. My desire for so doing, is to inform the numerous readers of your valuable paper of what is going on in the Province of New Brunswick. But the time has not been so eventful, that our boys have been full of joy, cutting off all communication to other places, consequently, hitherto, I have been prevented from carrying my intention into execution. Now as Spring is opening, and we are likely to be connected with other parts of the world again, and our letters probably reach their destination, I record a happy event, the past year in Burin, which I hope will be as interesting to others as they have been, and are, profitable to us.

I shall write first upon Temperance, as it is first in order of events. About a year ago several boats' crews of our hardy fishermen of Burin went to the Western Shore of this island to prosecute the Spring fishery; while there, they became interested in the cause of temperance, and six or seven of them joined the Division of the Sons of Temperance established in Pettes. As soon as they returned home they got several more to join with them, in all fourteen, and petitioned the Grand Division of the Sons of Temperance of Newfoundland for the charter to organize a Division in Burin. On the 7th of June 1862 they were formed into a Division, called "The Star of the East Division, No. 7, of Newfoundland;"—with full power to do all they could to promote the cause of temperance in Burin, where, I am sorry to say, intemperance has had most awful sway; and has been the ruin of very many both spiritually and temporally. There are many persons in this locality who, outside, who might have been comfortable in their worldly circumstances, and useful members of the church, were it not for that accursed poison, so easily and cheaply procured from St. Pierre, and so greedily drank by very many in this part of Newfoundland. All who have seen the effects of King Alcohol—and who has not?—know that poverty and distress are not the only evils he produces; but immorality, crime, woe, and death, follow in his train; and all these have been witnessed here to an alarming extent. But I have digressed. The Division having been formed, and its beneficial effects soon seen by these discerning people, a number rallied round the standard of temperance, and from the time the Division was established until now, no case has occurred in Burin, which has not been successfully. We have initiated as many as twenty-eight of an evening, and we have never met but once or twice in our weekly meetings, but that some have been initiated into our Order. We now number One Hundred and Eighty-five members, and still they are flocking to join our ranks. The temperance cause is at this present time experiencing a mighty influence for good in this place, and so far has been the means of reclaiming many a drunkard.

The Sons of Temperance contemplate building a large Hall this season, as they have no place sufficiently large in which to hold their weekly meetings, and they will do it, too, for they are a resolute class of men, who they undertake they are bound, if possible, to accomplish. Difficult as the task is, they are determined to do it, if it should please Providence to send a good fishery this year; that before the year closes they will have a Hall erected which will do them honor, and be a credit to the place. May God speed them.

I now turn from temperance to write upon religion, and let how great things the Lord has done for us. I returned from our Anniversary Meeting to find a meeting to wait my appointment from Conference. I did not then know that I should remain any longer upon this circuit, but the Conference was pleased to hear the prayer of the church, and give me my fourth year's appointment upon the Burin Circuit. I must say, I began my year's labor under many misgivings, and was painfully tried the first part of it. I had already laboured three years among this people, and had seen no great degree of spiritual prosperity; and I generally feared I should end the year also without accomplishing the desire of my soul—the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon my congregations. I however, determined to continue to labour on faithfully and leave the result with Him who has said, "in the morning sow thy seed and in the evening withhold not thine hand: for thou knowest not whether both shall prosper, either this or that, or whether both shall be alike good." Thank God I have not had to sow in vain. Our watch-night service on New Year's Eve, was a most solemn and impressive one. Brother John M. Pike, our teacher and social agent at Flat Islands, came up to spend a few days with us. By request he preached the first sermon on the occasion, from Eccles. III. 15, "God requireth that which is just." The sermon was a powerful one. I followed, and preached from Gal. vi. 7, 8,

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