

Fennell The Mance  
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Dear Doctr

You hear no doubt  
heard the Turkish proverb  
"The Devil tempts the busy  
man - the idle man tempts  
the Devil." Tried by this you  
are in commercial phrasology  
- busy not the tempter but  
the temptee. But that by  
the way.

Along with this I  
mail a letter to Mr. Drown  
I do so to save you so much  
trouble. In it I ask him  
a few questions which he  
can answer at his con-  
-venience.

We hear Drown a

piece of ground of about  
6 acres belonging to Mr. F.  
- from close to the Alliance  
grounds. What is not needed  
for the church will be an-  
- nexed to the glebe. All things  
considered there could not  
be a better.

Mr. Leggat says "Build  
build build." He thinks that  
if we had the ground plan  
ready we could "go ahead."  
The other plans would be  
ready in due time. He  
also thinks, that if we only  
had the work commenced  
it would be easy to draw  
golden blood from the pockets  
of the visitors. These  
promises do not undergo

enough of this sort of phre-  
-bitomy at home. For my  
part I am disposed to say  
"Festina lente." The Duffin  
method is a very good one  
"Per vias rectas" even if we  
apply "rectas" to what is  
wise though it more properly  
applies to what is good. I  
think we should have all  
the plans prepared before  
we begin to build. I would  
also like to see a fair ac-  
-count in the funds at  
the same time.

An Communion was  
last Sabbath. Two then sat  
at the Lord's Table for the  
first time. One was a few  
years ago a convict in Kingston

In dealing with him we ought  
to be equally kind and faith-  
ful. He often is about 65  
years of age. He is the father  
of 13 children all of whom  
save 2 are married. His wife  
has been a member for sev-  
eral years but last Sabbath  
for the first time they sat  
together at the Lord's Table.

She applied but on account  
of sickness she could not  
meet with the Session.

Another applied but it was  
very near the Communion.  
She has had no religious  
training. I require to speak  
to her in French as she under-  
stands that better than  
English.

Mr Ferguson has expressed  
a desire to be received again  
into the church. He has ac-  
knowledged of his own accord  
that he has done worse than  
what he was charged with  
for which we called him  
to account. He has also re-  
called bitter expressions  
which he used against me.  
He and the Session have  
not yet had an opportunity  
of meeting together. I hope  
that an unpleasant matter  
will be settled with honor  
to both.

I lately sent my friend  
(!!) the friend a copy of  
Vick Floral Guide for '81.  
He is a great man for flowers.

He has no "live plants" to look after in the presbytery. Botanically speaking he is a specimen of the Dianthus simplex ("Single Pink"). At the same time I sent him a copy of the Intersect. Scheme of Sabb. Sch. Lessons. He replied thanking me very heartily for the flower book. He said that he had examined the Scheme "with satisfaction." He might do worse than introduce it into his church. The last sentence is mine not his.

My mother is pretty much as she has been for a long while very much better

than she was a year ago  
but not quite well and  
I suppose now will be.

Please tell Mrs Darwin  
that she has - shall I  
say? - at last overcome her  
scruples and wears the Dops  
almost every day to her  
great satisfaction but of  
course to the more speedy  
disintegration of said article  
She and I unite in very  
kind regards to you and  
Mrs Darwin and family  
Yours  
J. Freewill

P.S. I expect to get soon a  
copy of the "full-blown" London  
Book. I hope - if spared  
till next New Year - to be able

reproduce at least in good  
part the decorations in  
Horticultural Hall. This  
will astonish the priest  
if he give me a call then.  
But we know not what  
our one day will bring  
forth.

7.7.

P.S. Girouard did not bring  
up his Marriage Bill last  
Session. Reason why? The  
Pope condemned it.

"Who killed Girouard's Mar-  
riage Bill?"

"I said the Triple-Crowned  
I killed it to the ground.  
I killed Girouard's Mar-  
riage Bill."