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LETTER

F.R.O.M.

The Master of a Private School, to a Reverend Member of the General-Assembly, concerning the Education of Children, &c.

Reverend Sir.

HE Just and Pious Regret which I have heard you frequently make, that due Care was not taken for establishing a more exact and regular Method in the Education of Youth, than what is generally practifed in most Parts of this Kingdom; and the great Interest which I know you very defervedly have, among the leading Members of the General-Assembly of the Church, gives me sufficient Encouragement to commit the Subject-matter of this Letter to your generous Endeavours, for having the gross Errors and Abusesherein pointed at, rectified in such manner, as may tend most to the Glory of God, the good Education of Youth; and the general Satisfaction of their Parents, and all good People.

Sir, I am not vain enough to think my felf capable of projecting any Scheme answerable to these excellent Ends, and will not therefore venture upon it; nor do I think that a Person of your Penetration, Experience and Judgement, stands in need of any stender Help that I could afford you: But only I presume to send you this, as a short Memorandum, lest it might have escaped your Thoughts, while you are now taken up with the Consideration of the great

and weighty Affairs of the Church.

I told you formerly, how that, in my own ordinary Vocations of School-teaching, I have been (and am still) discouraged in many Respects: First of all, from the general Discregard that is had to our Profession, which brings even our Persons under such Contempt, at least with the unthinking fort of People, that a Blockhead of a young Fellow, perhaps fit for nothing else, is thought good enough for a School-master, if he has but past a few Years in

or about some Colledge or other: And thus it is, that for want of suitable Encouragement to able and good Teachers, such Dolts as the former, are too too frequently imployed, to the ruin of Youth, Decay of Learning, and great Scandal of the Nation: For as the Sufficiency of a Building must, in a great measure, depend upon the first Foundation; so there are many Things which we ought to learn in our younger Days, that if our Masters be ignorant of them, we must likewise go ignorant of these Things to our Graves; because when we become Men, we think it beneath us to bestow our Time in learning such Things as we ought, and are presumed to have learn'd when we were Children.

And from the fame Spring likewife proceeds another great Difcouragement, which we too often meet with in our Teaching; and
that is, a great miftake in the generality of Parents, that Women,
and fuch like ignorant Perfons, who know nothing of the Grounds
or Reafons of either Spelling or Reading, but by a course of Time
acquire fome habit of Reading by rote, are thought good enough
(forfooth) to teach Children, till ar leaft they enter upon their Linity by which means, when their Children come to us, who impedeffly fpeaking) may be prefumed to know fomething yet more of
the Matter, we are at much more Trouble to make them forget the
deprayed habit they once got, and reconcile them to any regular fet
Method, than if they had never learn'd their A. B. C. before.

But a third and most unfurmountable Difficulty, which, to the

vexarious Trouble of the Teacher, and very discouraging Pain of the Learner, we are unavoidably obliged to grapple with daily, proceeds from the scandalously Erroneous Printing of all manner of School-books whatfoever, which are printed here in Scotland, whether Latin or English, even from the Shorter Catechism, to the Classick Authors and Grammar, upwards: And finding sew or none of these Books to be printed by any other, but the Reliest of Andrew Anderson only; I made Enquiry several times, how this came about, but could never obtain any Satisfaction as to the Reason of that Abuse, till that of late, I had occasion to hear of a Debate between her and the other Printers of Edinburgh, before the Privy Council, concerning a Monopoly of Printing, to which (it seems) she pretends Right, by vertue of some Grant from K. Ch. II. not only as to School-books, but extending likewise to Bibles, New-Testaments, and all Parts thereof: Nor indeed did the Account which I had of the

(3)Debate, give me a clear Notion of the Matter, until I faw the printed Informations hine inde upon that Head, to which I refer you for more particular Information: But left they may not come fo readily to your hand, I have excerpted out of the Printers Information the hereunto subjoin'd Errata's in Mrs. Anderson's New-Testament, and by my next you may expect a large Collection of many other Errata's, which I am for my own further Satisfaction, picking out of her Bibles, &c. fince that time; by which, in my humble Opinion, it will evidently appear, that all these false Impressions of her Bibles and New-Testaments, ought to be utterly supprest by some publick Act, without which it is hard to tell how far the Principles and Opinions of Well-meaning Country People, and ignorant Women, may be corrupted by them; besides the Scandal of having the Word of God (which is indeed the only Standard of all Truth) so mangled and abused, under the Colour of a pretended Monopaly as to the Right of Printing.

To pick and cull out all the Errata's of her Grammars and Claffick Authors, would make a Volume apart; but in regard they fall non fo Naturally under the Cognizance of the General-Assembly as that which immediatly concerns our Religion, I shall give you no

further trouble at prefent about them.

I must confess I was once of the mind, that there ought to be not only a positive Restraint on the Liberty of the Pres; but likewise, that the only way to be fure of that Restraint, was to have the fole power of Printing Confined to one or some few more hands; and that even these should print nothing without being specially licensed. But having happily faln upon, and perufed some Pamphlets written upon that Subject in England, I quickly chang'd my Opinion as to all these Heads; particularly a Pamphlet written by Milton, that great Genius of the English Nation, in Crommel's Days, against a Bill then passing in the House of Commons against the Freedom of Printing, &c. In which Pamphlet lie makes it appear, that if that Bill should pass, it would subvert and ruine the very thing which they intended to have established by it. And amongst many others of the same kind, I have seen a very ingenious one Printed in the. Year 1700, Intituled, A Letter to a Member of Parliament, Shewing, That a Restraint on the Press is inconsistent with the Protestant Religion. and dangerous to the Liberties of the Nation; which last Pamphler being more eafily had, I humbly prefume to recommend in the

It is certain, That while the Right & Liberty of Printing is confined to one fingle Person or Society, the Nation must expect to be grosly imposed upon, both as to the Price and Quality of the Work, because the Seller knows the Buyer cannot go by him; whereas on the contrary, when all Printers have an equal Right and Liberty to Print, and know, that he who blows best will carry away the Horn, there must arise a certain Emulation among them, to excel one another in the Goodness of their Work, and Reasonableness of their Prices, which will likewife of courfe produce an Improvement in the Art it felf: Yea, they will thereby become Checks on each others Work, and fave any other Person the Drudgery of Revising the Correctness of any Books Printed by them; and being once thus indulged as to the Benefit of their Trade, they'll be much the warier, not to Print any thing that may offend either Church or State; whereas otherwife, they'll the more readily be tempted to Print any thing clandestinely, for Bread to their Families.

But if after such a general Indulgence any of them should be found tripping, their having fuch a discretionary Liberty allowed them, would be an aggravation of their Guilt, and no doubt care would be taken to punish them accordingly. Yea, even in any Case, my humble Opinion is, that the Printer ought not to be blamed fo much as his Imployer, who may be prefumed to understand the Nature, Contents, and Tendency of the Work better than the former; fo that if the Printer take care to print nothing but what he either underftands and will be answerable for himself, or what he has a written Warrant for, from fome well known Person of sufficient Credit and Reputation to answer for it, if call'd in question, I should humbly think that to be a better Security against the lifeentiousness of the

Prefs, than any prohibitory Law whatfoever.

Nitimur in vetitum, semper cupimusq; negata.

From all which I conclude, That if there were fome publick Law against all Arbitrary Restraints upon any one Printer more than upon an other; making only all Authors, Publishers and Bookfellers, lyable for the Legality of what they Write and Sell; and the Printers lyable only for the Correctness and Sufficiency of their Work, and for the discovery of their Imployers, if quarrell'd; the Art of Printing would in a short time be vastly improved; most part of those Sums that are yearly Exported to England and Holland for Books; would be faved to the Nation, by the Printing of those Books at home; the Nation would be much better ferved than now with all forts of School-Books especially; and both the Teacher and Learner would have more facility and pleasure, in reading and performing their several Parts, than it is possible for them to have with such paltry uncorrect Stuff, as the Books above complained of.

Sir, To infift on the innumerable Inconveniencies that would attend the making a special License necessary for every thing that should be printed, would be a needless piece of Supererogation, when that point is so well clear'd in the above mention'd Pamphlets.

If I have meddled farther than becomes one in my low Sphere, I ask pardon for it; but in the mean time, I hope you may, upon ferious Consideration of the Hints here given, think of some Remedy for the gross Abuses that are now put upon all forts of People, by salfe and uncorrect Printing, I know not how far the General Assembly's own Power may reach immediatly as to this Matter; but I hope they may at least be induced to represent it effectually, either to the Privy Council, or to the Parliament, or to both. So, wishing a happy Issue to your grave Consultations, I presume to subscribe my self,

March 26.

Reverend Sir,

Tour most humble Servant,

Philologus Philomusus.

ERRATA

Of the New Testament Printed by the Relict of Andrew Anderson 1703, and presently Sold in her Shop: Wherein Four whole Lines are left out in the following Places, viz.

MARK Chapter V. Verse 47.

MARK Chapter VI. Verse 20.

MARK Chapter VI. Verse 20.

MATTHEW:

Hap. 5. v. 47. (a whole line left out)
C. 6. v. 24. or love, r. and love. v.
31. wherewith, r. wherewithal, c. 7. v. 14.
many there be that, r. many there be which,
c. 8. v. 3. Then Jefus, r. And Jefus, r. 9.

7. 12. and when Jefus, r. but when Jefus 6. 9. v. 12. they that be fick, r. they that are fick, c. 9. v. 26. and the fame thereof, r. and the fame hereof, 6. 9. v. 21. but they when they departed, r. but they when they were departed, of for in all the country, 70. in all that country, v. 42. multitude, r. muleiendes, c. 10, v. 22. him will I also confess. re him will I confess affer to II. D. Is. which was to come, r. which was for to come. c. 12. v. 20. and a Imoaking flaxr. and imorking flax. v. 42. shall rife up in judgement, r. shall rife up in the judgement, v. 40. will of Father, r. will of my Pather, c. 12.v. 28, he faith unto them. re he faid unto them, v. 32. is feaft of all feeds, r. is the least of all feeds, c. 14. v. 18. and he faid, r. he faid. c. 15. u. 31. he lame to walk, r. the lame to walk, s. 16. v. 4. and there shall be no sign given, r. and there hall no fign be given, v, 7. because we have no bread, r. because we have taken no bread, v. 28 come in his kingdom. re coming in his kingdom, c. 19. 2, 23. he kingdom, r. the Minedom, c. 20- v. 3. and when he went out, r. and he went out, the Lord, r to the Lord, v 25, was a juft, v. 18, behold we up to Jerusalem, re behold we go up to Jerufalem, a 21: v: 5: tell the daughter of Zion, r: tell ye the daughter of Zion, v. 24: I likewife, r. T in likewife, c. 22: v: 7: and when the King, 11 bat when the King. v: 34: had heard how that he, rs had heard that he, t: 23: v: 12: and he that humbleth himfelf, r: and he that shall humble himself.v: 20: who therefore shall swear, r: whoso therefore shall swear, v:23: weighty, r: weightier, v: 26: and the platter, r: and platter, ve 12. fill up, r. fill yeup, 1: 24: v: 30: shall the tribes, r; shall all the tribes, c; 25: v: 26: and gathered, r: and gather, v: 43: and in prison, r: fick and in prison, c; 26; v; 18: go ye into, f: go into, v: 62. it that, r: it which, v: 67: hand, r: hand 6: 27: v 6: for us to, r; for to, v: 10: had appointed, r: appointed: MARK:

C: 11 v: 6: ofskins, r; ofaskin, v: 19: net, r: nets, c: 3; v. 35: and my mother, rand mother, c: 4: v: 22; that shall, ra which shall, v: 28; cron, r: corn, w: 31: when it was, r; when it is, e: 5: v: 19: but faid, v; but faith, c: 6: v: 4: and Jefus faid unto him, r. but Jesus said unto them, v: 5: could do there, s: could there do, v:7: called r, calleth, v; 20 (a whole line left out) v: 26; their fake, is their fakes, v: 33; faw him, r: faw them, v, so faid, r faith, c. 7 v. 7 doctrine, r doctrines, v 33 finger, r hngers, c, 9 v. 3 white a, r white as, v 23

and lefusfaith, r felusfaid, v. 31 he killed. r he is killed. v. 35 fervant to all, r fervant of all 6:10 v 17 and he kneeled, and kneeled, v. 24 aniwreed, n aniwereth; v. 28 Lord, r Lo, c, 12 2 43 caft in more, r caft more in, c, 13 v 1 and buildings, and what buildings, c, 14 v, 14 ye shall go in, r he shall go in, v 16 (a whole line left out) v 34 and he faith, r he faith, v. 44 the fame, r that fame, v 60 they r thele, v 69 the maid. ra maid, e 15 v 15 and Pilate, r and fo Plate, v as he calleth for Elias, r he calleth Elias, c. 16 v 5 right hand, r right file.

LUKE.

C: 1 v. 7 because Elizabeth, r. because that Elizabeth. v to at time, r at the time, v. 20 not be able, r notable, v 22 the miniftration, his miniffration, eia v 22 before r was juit, v 36 Panuel, r Phanuel, v 38 alf that, r all them that, c3 faid r faith, w 17 his wheat, r the wheat, c 4 v 36 the commandeth, r he commandeth, c s v 30 the Scribes, r their Scribes, c 6 v 41 perceiveth, r perceiveft, v 42- and thou fhalter rand then shalt thou, c 7'v 36 and he face r and fat,v 49 they they that, r they that, c 8 v 36 possessed with devils, r possessed of the devils, c 12 v 1 to his disciples r unto his disciples, v 22 take ye no thought, r take no thought, v 41. unto all, r to all. c 13 v 7 that fig-tree, r this fig-tree.

-- J. O. H.-N. ---C: 6 v: 16 into the sea, r: unto the fea: v: 42; from heaven, r: for from heaven: c: 12: v: 1: from dead, r: from the dead: e: 13: v: 10: white, r: white v: 33: now I fay unto you, r for fo now I fay unto you. v: 24: and I have loved you, r: as I have loved you: (: 15 v: 20 your, ": yours: c: 18 v: 17 and the faid, r: and they faid: 6:19 v. 27; discipe, rdisciple.

. A C T S C. 14 U. 2 Apostle, T Apostles + 15 U 10 We reable, r. were able v 29 and fornication, r and from fornication, v 33 to the Apostle r unto the Apolites, v 37 take with him John, r, take with them John, 4, 39 afunder the one from the other, rafunder one from the other v 40 and Paul took Silas, r, and Paul choose Silas, e 16 v 5 and so was the Churches, r, and so were the Churches, v 19 gain I gains

r gains, o 17 v 3 and this Jefus, r and that this lefus, v 5 in an uproar, r, on an uproar, v 24 there, in feing he, r, therein, feing that he, v 26 and he hath, r, and hath. ibid. things, r, times, v 34 unto them, r, unto him 6 18 v 17 Goallio, r, Gallio 6 19 v 19 many also of them, r. many of them also v 22 unto, rinto, 220 2 30 from your own felves, r, of your own felves, c 21 v 25 from that which is frangled, r, from that ftrangled. r 22v i hear my defence, r, hear ye my defence, v 10 thee all things, r, thee of all things, v 29 he bound him, r, he had bound him, v 30 the council, I, their council v-24 v 27 Pontius, r Portius, ibid.in Felix room, r, into Felix room, c 25 v 6 down to Cefarea, r, down unto Cefarea v 11 they T, thief priefts, 27 v 1 unto Italy, r, intoltaly

r came unto v 18 and being, r, and we being. ROMANS C. 1 v. 4 hy, r, by, v, 11 ye, r, you, v. 27 women, r. woman. C. 2, v, 1. thing, r. things, v, ic. man, r. one. v. 15 works of law, r. work of the law, v. 20 knowledgle, r. knowledge, ibid. of the law, r. in the law. v. 25. th, r. the, v. 26 this uncircumcifion, r. Jin', r. remission of fins, v. 30 circumsion, r. circumcifion, C. 4 v. 4 woketh, r. worketh, v. 19 years, r. year, C. 5 v. 3 tribulation, r. tribulations, v. 12 that have hined, that all have finned, v. 13 where, r. when, fin. r. inftruments of unrightcou nels unto fin, C. 8 v. 30 he also glerified, r. also be glorifie!, C. 9 v. 10 Rebacca, r. Rebecca, v. 29 Sottom, r. Sodoma, ibid. Gomorah, r. Gomorrha, v. 33 and a rock, r, and rock C. 10 v. 20 manifielt, r. manifelt, C. 11 v: 2'Esaias, r. Elias, v. 6 grace fs, r. grace is, ibid: then it is, r: then is it, 1: 21 But if God, r: For if God, v: 25 part hapened, r: part is hapened, C: 12 v: 13 of the Saints, r: of Saints, C: is v: i he higher power, r: the higher powers, v: 3 do thou which, r: do that which, v, 7 fear no, r: fear to, v ii: time for us to awake, r: time to awake: C, is v: 24 come unto, r: come to: v: 28 have fealed them, r: have fealed to them, C: i6: v: 4 gave, r: give, v: 7 and fellow prisoners, r: and my fellow prisoners, w ii Herodian,

I. CORINTHIANS C:1 v:2 on, r: upon, v: 23 Chriff, r: Chriff, C: 2 v: i came unto, :: came to v: 9 neither hath it entred, r: neither have entred, C: 3 v: io their craftines, r: their own craftiness, C: 5 v: io the world, r: this world, C: '6 v: 13 Meat is, r: Meats, ibid. meat, r: meats v; i7 to the Lord, r: unto the Lord, C: 7 v: 2 nevertheless avoid, r: nevertheless to avoid, v: 5 not one another, r; not one the other, v: 32 you be without, r: you without, v: 35 that ye, r: that you, C: 9 v: i are ye not, ": are not you, v: 27 it under fubjection, r: it into subjection, C: io v: iz Temptation make a way, r: Temptation also make away, v: 29 other, r. others, C, ii v, 2 unto you, r, to you, C, i3 v, 2 not Charity r, no Charity, v, 5 not evil, r, no evil, v, 6 in truth, r, in the truth, C, i4 v, io them without lignification, r, them are without figuification, v, 28 and God, r, and to God.

H. CORINTHIANS C, 2 v, 3 I come, r, I came, v, 4, ve should r, you hould, C, 3, v, to that which was, r, which was, C, 4 v, 2 but by the, r, but by, v, i4 us by Jesus, r, us also by Jesus, C, 6 v, it be separat, r, be ye separat, v, i3 And I will, r And will C,7 v, is and as his,r, and his, C,8,v, 3 I hear, r, I bear, v, 4 we should, r, we would, v,7, utterance, r, in utterance, v, i4 be an equality, r, be equality, C, 9, v, 5, not of Covetoulnels, r, and not as of Covetoulnels, v, 6 he that foweth, r, he which loweth, y, ii being enticed, r, being enriched, C. lo r, labours, C, ii v, 2 with a Godly, r, with Godly, v, 4 ve had nor, r, ve have not, v, 12. that will I do, r, that I will do, C, i2 v, 7 revelation, r, revelations, ibid given unto, me, r, given to me, v, iz, what was it, r, what is it, C, is v, 7 that we should, r, that

GALATIANS

C, 2,v. i6 by he works, r, by the works, C, 3 v, i8 of the promife, r, of promife, v, 22 both concluded, r, hath coucluded.

EPHESIANS, C, iv, 20 and to fet him, r, and fet him, C, 2, v, 8 ye are, r, are ye, v, is to make of himfelf in twain, r, to make in himfelf of twain.

PHILIPPIANS, C. i v, i7 I am fent, r, I am fert, v, 29 for to you, r, for unto you, C, 2 v, i bowels of mercies, r, bowels and mercies, v, i6 the world of life, r, the word of life, C; 4 v, 6 be ye careful, r, be careful, v, tofor I rejoyced, r, but I rejoyced.

COLOSSIANS, C, 3 v, 6, cometh upon,

y, ii bond on free, r bond nor free:

I THESSALONIANS, C 2 v is who have killed r who both killed C 5 v io we walk or fleep v i3 And efterm r And to efterm

II THESSALONIANS Czwittoubled either by Spirit r troubled neither by Spirit C3 v 5 you heaits r your hearts v i3

be ye not r be not

I TIMOTHY Cv9 for ungodly r for the ungodly C3 v 4 ruleth his own house r ruleth well his own house C5 v 6 that loveth pleasure r that liveth in pleasure, 2d: TIMOTHY

C 2 v % if the gospel, r my gospel, v 16 unrigodlines, r ungodlines, c 3 v 8 mind, r minds, c 4 v 13 but especially, r especially, v 21 Pudens, r and Pudens. T 1 T H S

E 1 v 3 time, r times, v 10 circution r circumcision, c 2 v 14 all our iniqui-

ty, r all iniquity, c3 v 7 by grace, r by his grace.

PHILEMON, v 13 bond, r bonds.

HEBREWS.
C, i v 10 foundation, r foundations, & for

C; i v to foundation, r foundations & for work, r works, C, 3 v to heat; r hearts, 4 v to in the time, r in time, C, 6 v 4 gift, r gifts. v 17 confined, r confirmed, ? v 9 received, r receiveth v 11 receiver received, v 20 perfect prieft, e 8 v 7, the first, r that first, v 8 and with the house of Judah, 13 and the house of Judah, e 9 v 10 drins, r qitaks v 21 sprinkled likewise with, p,

fprinkled with. c 10 v 29 worth, r, worthy, v 22 greater fight, r great fight, c 11 v 23, and they were not afraid, r, and they not afraid, c 12 v 9 to the Father, r, unto the Father.

JAMES C 5 v 17 fraint, r rain, eft, PETER,

CI v 3 Crift r Chrift, c 2 v 10 peole, r people c 3 v 3 their your, v 3 or putting ror of putting c 4 v 16 in r on 2d PETER

C 1 v to make your, The First Epistle general of JOHN:
C 3 v 22 know, read keep, c 4 v 3
it is in the world, r is it in the world;

The Second Epiftle of JOHN:
C 1 v 4 rejoycé, rrejoyced, v 12 and

to speak, r and speak:

The Third Epistle of JOHN

V12 hath a good, r hath good.

JUDE.
V. i brother to James, r brother of James.

REVELATION CIVIS and death, r'and of death v 10. write these things, r write the things c 2 vi3 for amongfr, r among c 4 vio and the four, r the four vo for haft flain, r waft flain c6 v 6 three measures of wheat, r three measures of barley vo I saw, r and I faw c6 v 1 Nephthalim, r Nepthali v 9 clothed in, r clothed with c 9 v 7 like gold, r of gold v 17 in vision, r in the vision v 19 did hurt, r do hurt : 10 v 5 hands, r hand v 11 people, r peoples c 12 v 11 his, r their v12 inhabitants, rinhabiters v 15 her be carried, r her to be carried c 14 v 2 great thunders, ra great thunder v 13 Spiris, F Spirits : 16 v 9 hath, rhad : 18 v 4 her plagues, r of her plagues, v 12 pelarle, r pearls v 12 manner of veffels, r manner

veffels











