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Anyway, work is not the word I would apply to what I do. Work is too large a term, too serious. Workers work. The great ones work. As for us middling men, there is no word sufficiently modest that yet will be adequate to describe what we do and how we do it. Dabble I do not accept. It is amateurs who dabble, while we, the class or genus of which I speak, are nothing if not professional. Wallpaper manufacturers such as Vuillard and Maurice Denis were every bit as diligent—there is another key word—as their friend Bonnard, but diligence is not, is never, enough. We are not skivers, we are not lazy. In fact, we are frenetically energetic, in spasms, but we are free, fatally free, of what might be called the curse of perpetuance. We finish things, while for the real worker, as the poet Valery, I believe it was, pronounced, there is no finishing a work, only the abandoning of it. A nice vignette has Bonnard at the Musée du Luxembourg with a friend, it was Vuillard, indeed, if I am not mistaken, whom he sets to distracting the museum guard while he whips out his paint-box and reworks a patch of picture of his own that had been hanging there for years. The true workers all die in a fidget of frustration. So much to do, and so much left undone!

- John Banville, *The Sea* (2005)

A few scholars who publish articles on electronic journals or websites on the internet suffer from the “curse of perpetuance” and like Pierre Bonnard they re-read a work and see that it could benefit from slight revisions here and there, changes that are important to the author but imperceptible to an ordinary viewer. It’s an occasional affliction of non-scholars as well.

A great strength and attraction of publishing an article on the internet, aside from making it available to a potentially huge audience, is that enables the author to correct errors (minor and egregious), add or delete

sentences and make other changes easily. The reworked work pops up immediately, and few readers are even aware that changes have been made. But there is a downside to this feature of internet publishing, as I have learned—the old article with its imperfections doesn't go away. It floats in cyberspace, where it is accessed by new viewers, while the corrected copy is unread and neglected. Some articles that are listed in Table 3 of the fifty most frequently downloaded articles on the Minnesota Legal History Project in July 2014 have been revised, and new versions posted. The change usually is a minor one – a misspelling corrected – but sometimes an entirely new section is added. When I first posted a biographical sketch of Eugene Wilson in 2008, it lacked his obituary and bar memorial which I had not found. Years later I came across newspaper accounts of his death, funeral services and memorials, and added about forty pages to the text. The original, still floating around the internet, is read far more than the enlarged version.

Statistical tables for the year 2014 follow. Table 1 lists the number of visitors, total page views and length of time of an average visit on the MLHP for each day in July 2014, and Table 2 has the same data for the month of December. There were far fewer visitors at the end of the year than in the middle.

Table 1

Daily Activity, July 2-31, 2014

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length
Wed 7/2/2014	755	479	407	03:00
Thu 7/3/2014	1,510	1,103	498	03:51
Fri 7/4/2014	1,731	905	557	04:24
Sat 7/5/2014	1,371	1,017	386	04:27
Sun 7/6/2014	1,348	950	531	04:19
Mon 7/7/2014	2,160	1,245	597	03:31
Tue 7/8/2014	1,359	514	428	06:12
Wed 7/9/2014	2,039	1,356	509	03:20
Thu 7/10/2014	1,338	778	673	02:57
Fri 7/11/2014	1,129	663	537	02:53
Sat 7/12/2014	1,865	921	410	01:35
Sun 7/13/2014	1,021	587	438	04:11
Mon 7/14/2014	1,340	559	491	01:50
Tue 7/15/2014	807	496	364	02:32
Wed 7/16/2014	810	513	499	02:40
Thu 7/17/2014	1,374	509	441	02:37
Fri 7/18/2014	959	536	416	03:56
Sat 7/19/2014	887	508	395	05:35
Sun 7/20/2014	2,457	1,564	537	03:09
Mon 7/21/2014	1,110	669	632	02:54
Tue 7/22/2014	2,495	1,501	550	03:17
Wed 7/23/2014	1,464	955	474	03:25

Thu 7/24/2014	2,634	1,603	581	02:41	
Fri 7/25/2014	1,613	887	505	02:34	
Sat 7/26/2014	1,471	1,051	433	03:56	
Sun 7/27/2014	1,087	641	428	03:11	
Mon 7/28/2014	1,152	725	447	02:16	
Tue 7/29/2014	4,227	814	434	03:17	
Wed 7/30/2014	1,509	780	449	02:13	
Thu 7/31/2014	1,060	639	358	03:47	
Total	46,082	25,468	14,405	03:19	

Table 2

Daily Activity, December 1-30, 2014

Date	Hits	Page Views	Visitors	Average Visit Length	
Mon 12/1/2014	995	521	371	03:03	
Tue 12/2/2014	820	426	406	03:44	
Wed 12/3/2014	824	376	338	04:33	
Thu 12/4/2014	874	394	352	03:04	
Fri 12/5/2014	737	366	368	02:53	
Sat 12/6/2014	1,367	974	349	03:40	
Sun 12/7/2014	963	471	317	03:08	
Mon 12/8/2014	903	544	402	02:47	
Tue 12/9/2014	938	361	381	03:31	
Wed 12/10/2014	725	337	376	03:07	
Thu 12/11/2014	1,456	1,067	316	02:30	
Fri 12/12/2014	1,435	641	641	03:00	
Sat 12/13/2014	706	309	378	02:35	
Sun 12/14/2014	961	473	386	03:06	
Mon 12/15/2014	804	379	320	02:23	
Tue 12/16/2014	1,311	971	309	02:56	
Wed 12/17/2014	934	371	306	03:06	
Thu 12/18/2014	1,240	766	350	03:56	
Fri 12/19/2014	1,569	953	452	03:52	
Sat 12/20/2014	1,539	1,138	371	04:02	
Sun 12/21/2014	1,651	1,040	373	06:19	
Mon 12/22/2014	1,272	781	397	03:27	
Tue 12/23/2014	984	310	251	04:36	
Wed 12/24/2014	700	384	255	05:43	
Thu 12/25/2014	932	524	364	03:41	
Fri 12/26/2014	904	351	359	04:17	
Sat 12/27/2014	739	295	317	04:07	
Sun 12/28/2014	752	316	274	04:00	
Mon 12/29/2014	780	316	319	03:09	
Tue 12/30/2014	992	451	335	05:08	
Total	30,807	16,606	10,733	03:36	

Table 3

Most Downloaded Files, July 2-31, 2014

	File	Hits	Incomplete Requests	Visitors
1	Williams on Chatfield. pdf	855	7	260
2	Steffens- Shame of Mpls.pdf	142	48	86
3	McLeod County .pdf	80	11	66
4	Preemption Act of 1841.pdf	77	17	57
5	North-Rutten.-NW Ord. pdf	77	20	55
6	Eugene M. Wilson. pdf	61	4	53
7	Jonathan Hughes. pdf	65	12	51
8	Corliss Memoir.pdf	58	8	46
9	John W. Mason.pdf	108	0	45
10	Renville County B & B. pdf	45	0	44
11	Lawbreakers Redwood County. pdf	47	0	43
12	1863 Indian Removal Acts. pdf	58	18	40
13	WRIGHT CTY B & B.pdf	50	10	40
14	Lamberton .pdf	42	5	34
15	Homestead Act (1862) .pdf	35	0	33
16	Olson- Blockbuster_(2014)	90	57	31
17	Pound -Soc. Juris. (1907). pdf	52	21	27
18	Lac Qui Parle. pdf	26	0	26
19	Killing & Transfiguration..pdf	30	2	26
20	Big Stone County .pdf	29	4	25
21	HC Bar Memorial -1986. pdf	32	4	25
22	Enabling Act (1857)_.pdf	29	5	24
23	Rogers on Severance. pdf	26	2	24
24	H. C. Bar Mem. (1977). pdf	28	4	24
25	Steele Cty Courthouse. pdf	30	7	23
26	LeSueur County. pdf	33	7	23
27	Olson -- Blockbuster (2014)-	22	0	22
28	Territorial Map 1775 - 1920. pdf	52	28	22
29	Lawyers and Cts. of Mpls (1908) pdf	37	14	22
30	Steele County B & B. pdf	36	12	22
31	HC Br Memorial 1994.pdf	24	3	21
32	HC Bar Memorial 1989.pdf	22	0	21
33	1780 Resolution on Public Lands .pdf	26	5	21
34	Cox.pdf	32	11	21
35	Holmes - The Path of the Law pdf	27	4	21
36	HC Memorials 1979.pdf	35	15	20
37	ISSAC ATWATER. pdf	22	2	20
38	Bench & Bar Duluth (1910)_.pdf	25	5	20
39	Mower Cty Legal History.pdf	21	0	20
40	The Otter Tail County Bar.pdf	33	13	20
41	Otter Tail (1916).pdf	26	6	20
42	Chippewa County.pdf	20	0	20
43	Nolan - Horsethieves. pdf	22	2	20
44	Blue Earth County B & B--	23	4	19
45	Lafayette French. pdf	23	4	19
46	FILLMORE COUNTY BENCH AND BAR.pd	22	3	19
47	Redwood County .pdf	26	7	19

48	The Progress .pdf	19	0	19	
49	William Lass. pdf	32	10	19	
50	B & Bar St. Paul (1899).pdf	27	8	19	
	Subtotal	2,859	429	N/A	
	Total	7,889	890	N/A	

Table 4

Most Active Countries, July 2 – 31, 2014

	Country	Hits	Visitors	% of Total Visitors	
1	Unknown	17,349	7,158	49.69%	
2	United States	23,091	5,373	37.30%	
3	Germany	2,464	733	5.09%	
4	China	657	577	4.01%	
5	France	225	144	1.00%	
6	Ukraine	293	136	0.94%	
7	Russian Federation	178	63	0.44%	
8	Canada	55	29	0.20%	
9	Japan	21	21	0.15%	
10	United Kingdom	48	18	0.12%	
11	Finland	40	14	0.10%	
12	Netherlands	17	12	0.08%	
13	Czechia	28	11	0.08%	
14	Israel	1,118	9	0.06%	
15	Vietnam	9	9	0.06%	
16	Slovenia	28	8	0.06%	
17	Brazil	116	7	0.05%	
18	Romania	73	6	0.04%	
19	New Zealand	6	6	0.04%	
20	Poland	9	5	0.03%	
21	India	14	5	0.03%	
22	Sweden	7	5	0.03%	
23	South Africa	22	4	0.03%	
24	Serbia	18	4	0.03%	
25	Saudi Arabia	4	4	0.03%	
26	Mexico	23	3	0.02%	
27	Lebanon	3	3	0.02%	
28	Uruguay	15	3	0.02%	
29	Argentina	51	3	0.02%	
30	Italy	5	3	0.02%	
31	Spain	4	2	0.01%	
32	Australia	5	2	0.01%	
33	Turkey	19	2	0.01%	
34	Ireland	5	2	0.01%	
35	Thailand	1	1	0.01%	
36	Switzerland	1	1	0.01%	
37	Greece	3	1	0.01%	
38	Greenland	1	1	0.01%	
39	Taiwan	1	1	0.01%	

40	Ecuador	1	1	0.01%	
41	Egypt	1	1	0.01%	
42	Yemen	4	1	0.01%	
43	Belarus	1	1	0.01%	
44	Malaysia	4	1	0.01%	
45	Nepal	1	1	0.01%	
46	Iran	3	1	0.01%	
47	Kenya	1	1	0.01%	
48	Lithuania	3	1	0.01%	
49	Bulgaria	2	1	0.01%	
50	Hong Kong	1	1	0.01%	
	Subtotal	46,049	14,400	99.97%	
	Total	46,082	14,405	100.00%	

Table 5

Most Active Countries, December 1 – 30, 2014

	Country	Hits	Visitors	% of Total Visitors	
1	United States	17,449	5,688	53.00%	
2	Unknown	9,229	3,242	30.21%	
3	China	1,263	1,048	9.76%	
4	Germany	1,301	398	3.71%	
5	Ukraine	152	96	0.89%	
6	France	335	61	0.57%	
7	Japan	31	29	0.27%	
8	Brazil	310	22	0.20%	
9	Canada	100	19	0.18%	
10	Poland	22	11	0.10%	
11	Vietnam	11	11	0.10%	
12	United Kingdom	108	9	0.08%	
13	Netherlands	22	9	0.08%	
14	Sweden	22	9	0.08%	
15	India	36	9	0.08%	
16	Italy	71	8	0.07%	
17	Finland	19	7	0.07%	
18	Russian Federation	14	5	0.05%	
19	Czechia	30	5	0.05%	
20	Uruguay	58	4	0.04%	
21	Belgium	5	3	0.03%	
22	Romania	38	3	0.03%	
23	Venezuela	13	3	0.03%	
24	Peru	11	2	0.02%	
25	Portugal	5	2	0.02%	
26	Slovakia	2	2	0.02%	
27	Spain	27	2	0.02%	
28	Australia	5	2	0.02%	
29	Kuwait	5	2	0.02%	
30	Indonesia	4	2	0.02%	
31	El Salvador	2	2	0.02%	

32	Turkey	5	1	0.01%	
33	Singapore	1	1	0.01%	
34	Sudan	7	1	0.01%	
35	Thailand	14	1	0.01%	
36	Ethiopia	1	1	0.01%	
37	Israel	2	1	0.01%	
38	Kenya	2	1	0.01%	
39	Ecuador	2	1	0.01%	
40	Albania	19	1	0.01%	
41	Argentina	19	1	0.01%	
42	Azerbaijan	3	1	0.01%	
43	Nicaragua	19	1	0.01%	
44	Norway	1	1	0.01%	
45	Panama	8	1	0.01%	
46	Mexico	1	1	0.01%	
47	Korea, Republic of	1	1	0.01%	
48	Lebanon	1	1	0.01%	
49	Latvia	1	1	0.01%	
	Total	30,807	10,733	100.00%	

Table 6

Most Active U. S. States, July 2 – 31, 2014

	State	Hits	Visitors
1	California	4,489	2,549
2	District of Columbia	527	303
3	Minnesota	3,741	222
4	Washington	102	48
5	New York	142	41
6	Colorado	208	35
7	Ohio	1,011	33
8	New Jersey	148	29
9	Pennsylvania	73	28
10	Michigan	40	28
11	Florida	82	27
12	Texas	42	23
13	Nevada	26	19
14	Missouri	37	18
15	Illinois	67	16
16	Indiana	33	11
17	Arizona	21	10
18	Virginia	16	9
19	Wisconsin	65	7
20	Connecticut	22	7
21	Massachusetts	32	6
22	Iowa	8	5

23	Georgia	25	5
24	Kentucky	6	5
25	North Carolina	10	5
26	North Dakota	32	4
27	Tennessee	14	4
28	Utah	8	4
29	South Dakota	23	4
30	Nebraska	8	4
31	Oregon	7	3
32	Maryland	4	3
33	Kansas	3	2
34	Wyoming	17	1
35	Vermont	1	1
36	Delaware	1	1
37	Louisiana	5	1
38	Alaska	1	1
39	Arkansas	4	1
40	Maine	19	1
41	New Mexico	1	1
42	Oklahoma	1	1
43	Mississippi	1	1
44	New Hampshire	1	1
	Total	11,124	3,528

Table 7
Most Active U. S. Cities, July 2 – 31, 2014

	City	Hits	Visitors
1	Mountain View, California, United States	2,554	1,800
2	Sunnyvale, California, United States	1,630	678
3	Beijing, China	761	675
4	Kiez, Germany	1,040	304
5	Washington, District of Columbia, United States	527	303
6	Minneapolis, Minnesota, United States	3,365	139
7	Shenzhen, China	108	108
8	Gunzenhausen, Germany	98	47
9	Paris, France	298	43
10	Alchevsk, Ukraine	50	38
11	Kiev, Ukraine	51	37
12	Saint Paul, Minnesota, United States	124	34
13	Seattle, Washington, United States	80	34
14	Denver, Colorado, United States	184	26
15	Ann Arbor, Michigan, United States	30	22
16	San Francisco, California, United States	35	20
17	Miamisburg, Ohio, United States	981	18
18	Mount Laurel, New Jersey, United States	92	17
19	Guangzhou, China	38	17
20	Las Vegas, Nevada, United States	23	16

21	Lancaster, Pennsylvania, United States	22	15
22	Simi Valley, California, United States	98	14
23	Jiangxi, China	24	13
24	Hanoi, Vietnam	11	11
25	Obolon, Ukraine	33	11
26	New York, New York, United States	17	11
27	Saint Louis, Missouri, United States	22	10
28	Clearwater, Florida, United States	10	10
29	Dallas, Texas, United States	9	8
30	Chicago, Illinois, United States	46	8
31	Chatham, New York, United States	29	7
32	Tacoma, Washington, United States	7	7
33	Kansas City, Missouri, United States	14	7
34	Stockholm, Sweden	11	7
35	New Delhi, India	27	6
36	San Diego, California, United States	56	6
37	Helsinki, Finland	18	6
38	Lamberton, Minnesota, United States	14	6
39	Warsaw, Poland	6	6
40	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, United States	12	5
41	Phoenix, Arizona, United States	10	5
42	Atlanta, Georgia, United States	25	5
43	Cedar Knolls, New Jersey, United States	14	5
44	Rochester, New York, United States	9	5
45	Omaha, Nebraska, United States	8	4
46	Scarborough, Canada	55	4
47	London, United Kingdom	8	4
48	Ottawa, Canada	17	4
49	Fremont, California, United States	17	4
50	Bonn, Germany	26	4
	Subtotal	12,744	4,594
	Total	14,557	5,000

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