

**PUBLISHER'S ANNOUNCEMENT.**

THE MORNING STAR, the oldest daily newspaper in North Carolina, is published daily except Sunday, at \$1.00 per copy; \$4.00 for six months, \$12 for twelve months, \$1.00 for one month, to all subscribers. Delivered to city subscribers at the rate of 15 cents per week for any period from one week to twelve years.

THE WEEKLY STAR is published every Friday morning at \$1.00 per year, \$1.00 for six months, 50 cents for three months.

ADVERTISING RATES (DAILY).—One square inch, \$1.00; five days, \$5.00; one week, \$4.00; four weeks, \$16.00; three months, \$48.00; one year, \$10.00; two years, \$20.00; five years, \$40.00; Ten years, \$60.00. Ten lines of solid Nonpareil type make one square inch.

All announcements of Births, Deaths, Political Meetings, &c., will be charged regular advertising rates.

No advertisements inserted in Local Column at any price.

Notices under head of "Our House" of death per line for first insertion, and one-half price for each insertion thereafter.

Advertisements inserted once a week in Daily will be charged \$1.00 per square for each insertion. Every other day, \$1.00 per square, half rate. Double page, \$4.00 per square.

Notices of Marriage or Death, Ordinances of Respect, Resolutions of Banks, &c., are charged as ordinary advices, and one-half price for each insertion in advance.

At this rate 50 cents will pay for a simple announcement of Marriage or Death.

Advertisements to follow reading matter, or to occupy any special place, will be charged extra according to the space required.

Advertisements on which no special number of insertions is marked will be continued "ad libitum," at the option of the publisher, and charged up to the rate of \$1.00 per square.

Advertisements discontinued before the time contracted for have exiled charges based on the time actually published.

Advertisements kept under the head of "New Advertiser" will be charged 50 cents per cent extra.

An extra charge will be made for double-column or triple column advertisements.

All announcements and recommendations of candidates for office, whether in the shape of communications or otherwise, are considered advertisements.

Announcements, Auction and Official advertisements one dollar per square for each insertion.

Contract advertisers will not be allowed to exceed their space or advertise any thing foreign to their regular business without extra charge at transient rates.

Payments for transient advertisements must be made in advance. Known parties or strangers with proper reference, may pay monthly quarterly, semi-annually or annually.

Advertisers should always specify the name or names they desire to advertise in. Where no name is named the advertisement will be inserted in the Daily, and sent to him during the time his advertisement is in the proprietor will only be responsible for the mailing of the paper to his address.

Bundtman's news-letter, the "Morning Star," the "Morning Herald," and the "Morning Post." Only such remittances will be at the risk of the publisher.

Communications, unless they contain important news, are distinctly brief and appropriate. In every other way, they will invariably be rejected by the real name of the author is withheld.

Correspondents must write on both sides of the paper.

**The Morning Star.**  
By WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.: WEDNESDAY MORNING, July 3, 1878.

**THE RECENT COMMENCEMENTS.**

The present season has been remarkable for the number of school and college commencements, and for the great interest that has gathered around them. There has been nothing like it since 1861, if ever before. A favorable augury is to the future of education in the South, may be drawn from the season of literary festivity which is nearly ended.

When the grey-heads and the middle-aged are stirred in behalf of education we may well expect progress. Without entering upon any review of what has been developed recently, we may say that it is manifest that our University is growing in favor and usefulness, and is more nearly approaching that high standard of excellence which is so much needed and desired. The last examination is very gratifying to the real friends of that ancient seat of learning. The time was once when a boy could be graduated at Chapel Hill without any human learning—when he could not read Latin or write Hebrew. He was required to go through the regular curriculum and behave himself, and at the end of his term of three or four years he received his diploma, not five lines of which he could possibly translate. But all this is changed. He must now apply himself, and acquire at least a fair knowledge of the books he has studied.

The colleges of the State are steadily advancing in reputation, influence, and importance. We hope they will continue to improve in many ways until they have attained such a vantage ground that they may not only compete with all other colleges, but may often independent possibility to our young men to be educated at home instead of going abroad to drink at other fountains of learning. A high standard of excellence should be the aim and the guarantee should be the guarantee.

The best recommendation you can give any institution of learning is to be able to say of it truthfully that it graduates no ignoramuses. If a boy will idle away his time then let him receive the mortification of rejection, and let the parchment be given into worthier hands. A diploma not deserved is but a badge of ignorance.

The female schools of North Carolina will compare well with those of any other State. We could name three or four such schools that we are quite sure are every way equal to any in the United States.

Mr. Eddie Weston has published another letter in reply to Mr. Howitt's rejoinder. He relates his charge that Hewitt helped to seat Mr. Hayes, and that Uncle Sammy Tilden remained serenely ignorant of all the combinations that were arranged and by which the fruits of the election were destroyed, the rights of the people were sacrificed, and Uncle

Sammy himself was very badly defrauded. It does appear wonderful how hard it is to arrive at the "innerwardness" of that election business. Uncle Sam should "speak out in meeting." Edison should interview him with one of his many inventions.

**MER. PAYNE'S FAITH.**

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