

readers of the Sun. Let each one read, examine, and study for himself, form his own judgment and govern himself accordingly. W. B. W.

### REVIVAL INTELLIGENCE.

For the Christian Sun.

**Ma. Editor:** Believing it would be interesting to some of our brethren and friends (who read your valuable paper, the Christian Sun,) to hear from us here, we have thought proper to write you a few lines, which you are at liberty to publish in the Sun.

I moved to this place in the Fall of 1845. At that time we were almost entirely unknown as a denomination to the people in this section. Believing as I did, and now do, that the Bible is an all-sufficient creed and discipline; I could not subscribe to any man-made creed or confession of faith. Consequently in the Fall of 1847, as Elder John Walker returned from North Carolina to Missouri; we formed a little Church here. We commenced with five members, four sisters and myself. During the same Fall and Winter, we succeeded in building a small Church, where we could meet to worship God. Having learnt through the columns of the Sun that Brother James M. Minnis was living in Sparta; I wrote him a statement of our lonely condition, and requested him to visit us. Which he did, and labored faithfully and zealously among us.

Although the prejudices of some sectarian bigots were aroused, upon the whole it was attended with good. In the Fall of 1848, he visited us again; at which time, we had several conversions, and two added to the Church. At the commencement of the year 1850, we had seven more additions, making in all now, 17 members; with a fair prospect of others uniting soon. Elder Richard Debenport and wife of the Methodist Protestant Church, have united with us. He is an able and zealous Minister. Brother James M. Minnis has removed to our neighborhood, and he and wife have also united with us.

Where we were unknown a few years since now we have a Church and two good Ministers, surely our prospects are brightening. We believe if we are faithful, in a few years, many more will be added to our number. Upon the principles of the Christian denomination all the good can unite, and no where else. No head but the Bible, no test of fellowship. We would rejoice to see the people of God united in love and brotherly affection. We have had inquiry meetings for seven weeks, in which I have come in contact with fifty inquirers, half of whom I have made the great decision in which they have passed from death to life. This has never been so moved before, certainly.

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**From the Gospel Herald.**  
**BRO. WILLIAMSON:** For the encouragement of my christian brethren who read the Gospel Herald, I would through the columns of the Sun, state that the Lord's work is still prospering in Lost Creek Christian Church. Since the meeting noticed in your paper by Elder C. A. Morse, several more happy converts have been added to the church, making the number 25. Five of which were baptized last Sabbath.

The prospects are still encouraging, and we look soon for more to join the army of the Lord. A good religious impression generally is manifested in the community; the congregations usually large and attentive. At each successive meeting a great interest is taken in speaking often to each other on the all important subject of the christian's prospects, and building each other up in the most holy faith. O what an influence does each humble and devoted christian exert? In the light of the eternal world only can this important interrogative be answered.

Brethren, let us resolve that we may daily abound in the work of the Lord, and while the heralds of the cross in the strength and by the authority of their Master, go forth crying Behold, behold the Lamb of God; inviting, persuading and warning sinners to flee the wrath to come. O let us hold up their hands. Then will success attend their ministry, and they see the work of the Lord prosper in their hands.

Elder C. A. Morse is now preaching for us twice a month. Pray, brethren that the word of the Lord may have free course and be glorified.  
THOMAS LONG.

**Miami county, O.**  
MILLBURY, MASS. The Puritan Recorder speaks of a powerful revival in progress in Rev. Mr. Grigg's society in Millbury. Some seventy-five or more have already become the subjects of it.  
Ch. Observer.

IN FARMINGTON, CT., an interesting revival began some time since among the young men in the congregation of which Rev. Dr. Porter has been the venerated pastor almost a half a century. The work has extended among the different classes, both old and young. Rev. Dr. Hawes has been aiding the pastor in promoting this blessed work of grace.

ILLINOIS. Rev. James A. Hawley, of Illinois writes to a friend:—"We are now enjoying a great and precious revival of religion. It commenced in my school in December last, and I have had inquiry meetings for seven weeks, in which I have come in contact with fifty inquirers, half of whom I have made the great decision in which they have passed from death to life. This has never been so moved before, certainly."

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### PROGRESS OF THE GREAT WORK.

A friend who is "posted up" on the progress of the N. C. Railroad surveys, remarked that our notice of the same a fortnight ago gave him a chill—it fell so far and so coldly short of the flattering point of progress already attained. Well—we are happy to be able to take the chill off from any others who may have caught cold by said notice. In a casual conversation with the President of the Board, who has since returned from a tour on the western end of the route, we were happy to learn that the surveys along the whole line are in rapid progress towards completion; we judge from the remarks elicited—that we cannot make the statement 'by authority'—that the entire route will be ready for the letting of contracts by April next. The several corps of engineers have been going ahead in performance of their duties, with praiseworthy fidelity and despatch, in spite of the "all sorts of weather" of the past winter. Gov. Morehead speaks in most encouraging terms—calculated to infuse a hopeful and confident spirit in all the friends of the Great Improvement and of the vital interests of North Carolina consequent thereon. Since the signal failure of the enemies of the Road in the Legislature, we have seen nothing to injure its prospects. The people have its success at heart. The exercise of a steady will and unflagging energy on the part of those directly interested in the Company are only necessary to speedy success. The wind work is done—let the head work and the bone-labor go ahead with the same zeal and alacrity, and the speedy accomplishment of the magnificent object is secure.

Greensboro' Patriot.

**AFRICAN COMMERCE.**  
Among the signs of the times in relation to Africa, we watch with interest, the effect of efforts long made by colonizationist to call attention to the value of African commerce. We are making ourselves heard at last. Africa has absorbed few European goods, except those received for slaves, and this trade was in few hands, and extended only along a coast made desolate by traffic itself. The establishment of an honorable commerce was impossible while the coast swarmed with these inhuman pirates. But now that the Liberian flag waves undisturbed over the abandoned barracons, the honest trade is safe.

Now that this cordon of cruelty and death no longer exists, not only will the unarmed trader visit those shores, but the teeming millions of the interior will come down to meet them, untold resources will be developed, new wants will be awakened, new customs will be introduced, and ere many years have elapsed, Africa may be the principal market for British and American goods.

Well can she afford to pay for them. An acre of land is affirmed to produce three hundred dollars worth of indigo per annum. Two crops of corn, potatoes, &c., are raised in a year. Four acres of coffee trees, after the third year will support a family. Dye woods of incomparable quality, constitute their forests. Copper is abundant enough for the supply of the world.

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pers, and regulate the postage on newspapers, and periodicals according to distance, commencing on the latter at one cent per ounce under 400 miles, and fixing the rates on letters at three cents when prepaid, and five cents when not prepaid. The bill was passed almost unanimously.

Party distinctions, it is said, were more distinctly drawn the last four or five days than at any other time during the present or last session of Congress.

### FOREIGN NEWS.

**FRANCE.** The Donation has been lost in the French Assembly by a majority of 112.

The breach between Louis Napoleon and the Assembly appears to be every day growing wider. It is now proposed to organize a national subscription to relieve the President from his embarrassments.

**Havre Cotton Market.** The Havre cotton market was extremely dull on the 12th. The rates were lower than at Liverpool. Sales for the week 2568 bales.

**GERMANY.** Additional advices from Dresden state that with the sanction of Russia, Austria and Prussia have agreed to reconstruct the Central German power—each nation taking the Presidency by turns.

**THE MARKETS. Liverpool Cotton Markets.** Hollingshead. "Petty & Co's report of the cotton market states that the sales of the week amount to 24,700 bales, at prices showing 1-4d to 3-8d per lb. decline. Under the date of Saturday, these gentlemen quote middling uplands at 63-4d, Mobile 71-8d; Orleans 73-8. The sales on Friday were 4,000 bales, and the market closed with less pressure to sell.

**Business at Manchester** was much depressed, owing entirely to the state of the cotton market. Breadstuffs. The corn market is unusually depressed. Wheat has declined 1d to 2d. There is also a decline of 6d per boll, in flour, and 6d per qr. decline in Indian corn.

Provisions. The provision market has been more active. Old and new mess pork have advanced 1s to 2s. Lard has advanced 1s 6d to 2s per cwt. The supply in market is small. Canadian butter advanced from 2s to 4s; ordinary American sells at 40s to 46s 9d per cwt.

**Money and Stock Market.** The money market continues easy. Consols unchanged. There is no alteration in Bank rates.

American Securities steady during the week. U. S. o. s. of 1863, 1081 2 a 109, U. S. 6's, of 1862 1031-2 a 1021-2 Maryland 5's 89 a 90.

**THE INTERIOR OF AFRICA NOT A DESERT.** Beccroft, a daring and intelligent English voyager has dissipated the delusion, that the interior of Africa is a "desert waste." He has shown that the climate is as healthy as that of the tropics generally; that there are regions of beautiful and fertile country, affording opportunities for legitimate commerce of indefinite extension. He explored the river Niger within forty miles of Timbuctoo. He has thrown light on thousands of miles of richly fertile and wooded country, watered by that great stream, and upon the ivory, vegetable, tallow, peppers, indigo, cotton, wool, palm oil, dye-woods, timber woods, skins and a great variety of produce, which invite trade.

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**APPOINTMENTS.**  
If no preventing Providence, I shall preach my farewell discourse to the people in Providence Chapel the 5th Sabbath in March, and on the 1st Sabbath in April at Union Chapel, where the Lord's Supper and Baptism will be administered. Friday 11th April at O'Kelley's Chapel. Sabbath 13th April in Raleigh; Wednesday 16th at Good Hope; Thursday 17th at Pope's Chapel; Kedar Chapel, Saturday 19th at 2 o'clock, P. M., Sabbath 20th, and Monday 21st. Sabbath 27th at Providence Chapel in Norfolk county, Va.; and will continue in the vicinity of Providence till after the second Sabbath in May. Tuesday 13th May at Bethlehem; Wednesday 14th at Antioch Chapel; Thursday 15th at Spring Hill; Friday 16th at Barrett's Chapel; Saturday 17th at Joier's Chapel; Sabbath 18th and Moaday 19th at Holy Neck; Tuesday 20th at Sunbury; Wednesday 21st at Cypress Chapel.

All the above meetings to commence at 11 o'clock, A. M.; and Sabbath 25th I will preach my farewell discourse at Providence. First Sabbath in June at Baltimore, and 2d Sabbath in Springfield, Ohio.

My appointments through Nansemond, Va., I shall depend upon Elder Wellons, and the brethren to give general circulation, and pray God that I may visit the Churches in the fulness of the blessings of the Gospel of Christ.

**ISAAC N. WALTER.**  
Faucett's Store, N. C., Feb. 5th, 1851.

**RECEIPTS FOR THE SUN.**  
Vol. 7. Robert Barker, 80 cents; Elias Macon, Lemuel Holland, Willis Parker.  
Vol. 8. F. C. Redout, Thomas Macon, Wm. S. Gunter, Elder W. B. Wellons \$12, for Mills Barrett, Miss Emma Darden, James Roby, James R. Pervis, Elder Austin Craig, Elder O. Barr, Elder S. S. Kimball, Elder Z. M. Ellis, Elder Josiah Knight, Elder J. B. Weston, E. B. Summerbell, and Thomas Stern. Col. John H. Lowe, Sr., J. B. Bobbitt, Elder I. N. Walter \$5, for Jehu Bird, Mary Walker, Lewis W. Deshong, Frances Williamson, and Elder G. G. Walker. Elder William Hollins, Patrick Leslie, John Blackman, Henry Rustin, Osprey Alston, Burwell Buffalo, John J. Holloway, Joseph Brand.

**LETTERS RECEIVED.**  
Thomas Macon, John Pope, Dr. Jordan Watson, Elder J. M. Minnis, Elder W. R. Stowe, Elder N. Summerbell, J. M. Wright, Elder W. B. Wellons, Elder B. Seever, A. D. Shields, W. H. Rives, Elder I. N. Walter, Elder J. R. Holt, R. H. Holland, Elder M. B. Barrett, Dr. Sidney Welker, Elder A. Turner.

**RALEIGH MARKET.**

Bacon	10 a 11	Leather, sole	20 a 25
Butter	15 a 20	" calf	00 a 00
Cotton yarn	19 a	Lard	10 a 12 1-2
Corn	80 a 85	Meal	90 a
Coffee	13 a 15	Molasses, gal.	35 a 40
Eggs	8 a 10	Sugar	51-2 a 6
Flour	85-75 a 90	" do.	10 a 11 1-2
Fodder	90 a 100	Tobacco	00 a 00
Feathers	25 a 30	Salt, gr. allum	22-30 a
Iron, Swedes	5 1-2 a 6	" Liverpool	2-60 a
" extra sizes	6 1-2 a 7	Potatoes, sweet	40 a 50
" English	4 1-2 a 5	Irish pr. bushel	150 a 250

**FAYETTEVILLE, March 3.**  
Cotton, lb., 10 a 11; Corn, 80 a 90 per bushel; Flour \$5 50 a \$6 25; Feathers, 30 cents per pound; Hides, green per lb. 4 cts., do dry, 6 a 10 cents; Tobacco, manufactured, 30 a 40; Wool, lb. 15; Cotton yarn, lb. 19; 4 brown sheetings, per yard, 8c., 7-8 do. 8 cents; Osnaburgh per yard, 10; Lime, bbl. \$1 75 a \$1 50; Nails, keg per lb. 4-4; Oil, gal. 17 a 14; do. tanner's bbl. \$17 50; White lead, keg, \$1 2 a \$2 1-4.

**Married.**  
In this City, on Tuesday the 25th ult., by Rev. Daniel Culbreth, Mr. John C. Dennis of Pittsborough, to Miss Caroline, eldest daughter of Mr. Henry King of this City.

In Moore county, on the 13th ult., by Thomas Rollins, Esq., Mr. John M. Oliver to Miss Margaret McAuley, daughter of Robert McAuley, Esq.

**Died.**  
In this County, on the 23d ult., Mrs. Martha Weathers, aged 68 years. She deceased had been a member of the Baptist Church for a number of years.

In Cincinnati, on the 18th ult., of Consumption, Wm. H. Whitney, aged 24 years. He was a worthy member of the Cincinnati Church and favorably known to several of our Ministers. He died the death of a Christian. [Com.]

**OBITUARY.**  
Brother Hayes: It is with the deepest emotions of heart-rending sorrow, that I have to communicate the painful intelligence of the sad bereavement occasioned by the death of our beloved sister Maria A., daughter of Elder Uriah and Matilda A. Rawls, who died in the vicinity of Holy Neck Chapel, Va., February 1st, 1851, in the 23rd of her age.

Sister Maria was afflicted with an inflammation of the lungs, which seemed to have been brought on by a sudden and severe cold, which worked its way into her system, and completely prostrated her. She was confined nearly six months before her soul took its flight from her body of suffering to the spirit world. Her health previous to this attack showed no indication of that most flattering, yet fatal disease; but her rosy cheek, sparkling eye, and animating countenance, ever radiant with smiles of joy, was evident tokens of good health and a long life, and not at all portentous of such an early dissolution.

Sister Maria suffered much during her long protracted illness; but borne up by God's sustaining grace, she endured it with the utmost Christian resignation. And notwithstanding she had just arrived at the flower of age, at the time life is most desirable, and the dark cloud of disease and adversity spread over the future, shutting all earthly happiness forever from her sight, it did not deprive her of cheerfulness; the blessed exterior of her inward, real and intrinsic feelings of the heart when "all is well." When there is no inward commotion, but all joy and peace." And when told by her kind father that "her friends could now do nothing more than nurse her," she said "Papa I know that—I know you have done all that could be done for me. And thus with meekness and serenity, and a face lit up by Heaven's own light, she seemed to say "not my will but thine O Lord be done."

Her confidence in her Saviour was ever strong and unwavering; she possessed that faith which "sweety works by love," and carried her imagination far beyond the "dimming vale" of the tomb, to the regions of glory and delight. She talked of going to Heaven with as much earnestness and composure, as though it was merely a visit to see an earthly friend. And when over-hearing a neighbor speak of the death of his wife who had very recently died, of her happy exit, and of the pleasure which she spoke of "sweet home," she said in a low tone of voice "oh! that is my resting place." She seemed to have a great desire to see all her friends before she died, and being fully aware that she could not, she said to her Mother who was standing by "Ma, tell my brothers and sisters not to grieve for me, but tell them to meet me in Heaven." And one day when her disease seemed to prey upon the system with a complete paucity of suffering, whilst comparing her present feelings with past good health, she said "to be sure this is not me suffering so much," and then exclaimed, "oh! that my spirit could take its flight from this body of suffering."

She was beloved by all who knew her, and when sick, she seemed to have the sympathies of all who had a heart susceptible of any good feeling. And her neighbors both rich and poor often visited her, and manifested great anxiety for her recovery, which was plainly shown, not in words merely, but in deeds also.

Sister Maria embraced religion quite early, and joined the Christian Church at Holy Neck. Although young, she never proved recalcitrant to her holy profession, but let her light shine brilliantly to all around. She had a peculiar attachment to the Church of her choice, and her examples of piety showed to all that she eagerly bent all her energies in the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom. But she is gone, though not lost. She died in the midst of her usefulness, and with her bright star has fallen from the constellation of our Church; her comrades have lost a friend, whose counsel was to them of priceless worth, and her family have lost a most affectionate child and sister. We can no more hear her sweet counsel, or be happy in her presence this side of the tomb. We can no more see her lovely countenance lit up by happiness and joy, neither can we any more behold the brightness of those black sparkling eyes glow with warm emotion. Her heavenly shouts is no more to be heard in the Church militant, neither will she any more be first among the female choir; to raise the sweet songs of Zion. Her voice is hushed in death.

Death clad in the armour of cruelty and devastation, goeth forth to pluck the bloom from the rose, whilst its tints of beauty have just begun to display its richest colors, and to scatter its fragrance to the desert air. It reaches forth its ruthless hand and gathers the most odoriferous plants ever nurtured in nature's garden. None can forbid its presence. The dignity and royalty of character, personal charms, youth, innocence and virtue cannot preclude his destructive approach. Neither could the humble or lowly personage invite or baste his coming; but he comes alike to all. It matters not what estimate may be placed upon personal worth, how strong the claims of mortality, how fervent the glow of affection, or how strong the ties of kindred hearts, it is no fortification against life's relentless foe. But to the reverse, death seems to aim his deadliest weapon at the most "shining mark." Yes, where there is worth, beauty and sweetness of soul, where there is a bright mind, a glowing intellect, pious and angel-like character, it seems to make its first visit.

But oh, death! why not spare one so innocent and so young in years as our sister? Why extinguish such a brilliant light? Why stop the throbbings of her heart? In thy wanderings couldst thou not have found some other victim of thy wrath than our dear sister Maria? This seems to be the language of our weak nature; but grace seems to teach a different lesson. It presents the meek lessons of humility and Christian resignation. God is no aggressor. He only takes what justly belongs to him; and why should he not take the "first fruits" and the most "acceptable offering." Then let us not murmur at the Providences of God, but with the submission of Job say "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord." B. Sermon by Elder R. Rawls, from Isaiah, 40 c. 8 verse.

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This notice will inform the Subscribers of the Christian Sun, that I have agreed to collect the dues; and they can enclose their money and send it on by mail as early as they please directed to me at Pittsborough, and they shall be duly credited and receipted in the Sun.  
JAMES A. TURNER.