

CHRISTIAN SUN.

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OUR PRINCIPLES.

- 1. Christ, the only Head of the church
2. The name Christian, to the exclusion of all party, or sectarian names.
3. The Holy Bible, or the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, our only creed, or confession of faith.
4. Christian character, or vital piety the true scriptural test of fellowship, or church membership.
5. The right of private judgment and the liberty of conscience, the privilege and duty of all.

WALTER'S MEMOIR.

A supply of the second edition on hand, the last that we shall have. Common bound \$1 Quarto gilt \$1.12 1/2. Half gilt, \$1.25. We will send by mail either of the above to those who send us 21 cent. additional to pay postage. Liberal discount to ministers who buy to sell again. Terms cash.

A WANT OF MINISTERS.

A great lack of ministers, is experienced in all the different denominations in the South, and in none more than the Christian. For several years past, new fields have been opening before them in every direction, and the Macedonian cry has been heard from every point. What shall we do? Who are to occupy the fields already white unto harvest? Who are to supply the places of the more active portion of the ministry now wearing out with constant labor? These questions have rushed into our mind a thousand times, and to obtain a satisfactory answer has not been an easy task. We have been satisfied that they cannot be obtained from other denominations. Efficient ministers are employed at home, and cannot be spared, the inefficient we do not need. Now and then, during our history as a denomination, we have drawn a prize from other denominations in a good minister but much more frequently we have drawn blanks. Where then are we to look? To our own churches, in our own flock, and among our own people. It has been rarely the case, that a minister born and reared among us, has become a traitor to us. Those who breathed Christian liberty in childhood, and grow up to manhood inhaling its pure atmosphere every day, generally stand firm in the faith, and prove themselves faithful workmen. We look to our own flocks for useful men and active ministers. The Biblical School, connected with our denominational institution at Graham has in it much grounds for hope, in the future. The young men who are there preparing themselves for the great work of the ministry are nearly all from Christian families; two of them, sons of Christian ministers, and one of them a regular descendant of James O'Kelley. We look forward to the time, when they shall complete their course of study, and enter upon the great work, with much interest.

We want active young men, to enter our ranks, whose hearts and souls will be in the work; who will be willing to stand to, and abide by the fundamental principles of the denomination—rising when they rise and falling where they fall.—Men who will not be always enquiring for a vacancy or waiting for some successful minister to resign his charge or die, but men who will go out into the "wide, wide world" and seek a field; who are willing to labor to build up their own charges, and lay the foundation for their own future success. We hope such men will go out from Graham—men full of the Holy Ghost and having life and power in them. We have no room or use for any more drones in our hive, and desire the worthy and efficient Principal of our Biblical School, to send us out, working men only. Pray, the Lord of the harvest to send forth more laborers in His vineyard.

The 16th volume of the Sun will commence on the 15th of April next. Taking in consideration the variety, quality and quantity of reading matter, the Sun is the cheapest paper published in Virginia. Only \$1 50 per year, or 12 1/2 cents per month.

For the convenience of our friends, we have made arrangements with a number of the best Magazines, whereby we can club their papers with ours to advantage. We will send the Sun and Harper's Magazine, Godey's Lady's Book or the Atlantic Monthly, for \$3 50 per year. The price of either of the Magazines is \$3 per year. We will send the Sun and Peterson's or Author's Magazine for \$3 per year. The price of either of these Magazines is \$2 per year. We will send the Sun and the American Phenological Journal for \$2 25 per year. The price of the Journal alone is \$1 per year. Send us your names to commence with the new volume.

We had the privilege of examining a few days since, a beautiful piece of workmanship—a Silver Pitcher, bearing the following inscription: PRESENTED, BY THE PRESIDENT, DIRECTORS AND COMPANY OF THE BANK OF CAPE FEAR, TO DAVID JONES, Commemorative of his generous exertions in saving their BANKING HOUSE FROM DESTRUCTION, during the Fire of the 17th of January 1840.

Col Jones has spent the past winter at the Washington Hotel, in Suffolk. The following is the correspondence which passed between the President of the Bank and Col. Jones, at the time of receiving the testimonial: BANK OF CAPE FEAR, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 14th, 1840. To COL. DAVID JONES, OF VA. Dear Sir:—I am instructed by our Board of Directors to present to you the accompanying Pitcher, which I pray you accept, as a small testimonial of the personal respect, and grateful acknowledgments for the services rendered them by you, in preserving their Banking House during the fire of the 17th of January last. In addition to which, allow me to tender you the tribute of my own high regard, and grateful feelings for your generous and disinterested exertions on that memorable occasion.

I have the honor to be dear sir, Very respectfully, your obt. serv't. J. D. JONES, President.

Teachy's Depot, W. & R. R., N. C. April 9th, 1840. COL. JOHN D. JONES. PRES'T. BANK, CAPE FEAR, WILMINGTON, N. C.

DEAR SIR:—Your complimentary favor of the 14th ultimo, accompanying the beautiful testimonial of my humble efforts to arrest the fire, and save your Banking House on the night of 17th January last, was not received, until yesterday. Be pleased Sir, to present my thanks to the Board of Directors for this valuable tribute to my exertions on that calamitous night, which was indeed, spontaneous and disinterested, and I beg at the same time, to tender to yourself my friendly acknowledgments for the kind manner in which you have done me the honor to convey their sentiments. I am with the highest respect, Your obt. servant. DAVID JONES.

Quarterly meeting at Antioch, on Saturday and Sunday, next.

Will not every Christian Preacher in the South, send us five new subscribers to commence No 1 of Volume 13? Do it brethren, you can if you will.

Thomas Loring well know to the editorial fraternity of North Carolina, has become the Editor of the Goldsboro' Tribune.

Hon. Joseph Holt, of Kentucky has been appointed Post Master General, in the place of Hon. A. V. Brown, deceased.

The Christian Offering, published at Oshawa, Canada West, and the organ of the Christians in that Province has been suspended. We hope that it may soon be revived again.

A correspondent writing from Graham says, "We have the right man in the right place at the Institute." An advanced student writes, "The school is all that could be desired."

We rejoice much in Prof. Doherty's success and in the prosperity of our school. Every friend of the Christian Church, South should feel an interest in the Graham Institute as it is, and in Graham College, that is to be.

The many encouraging communications which we have received during the last week, and the interest which friends, long tried and true, have manifested in our welfare and success, in all our enterprises, makes us feel like taking fresh courage. We shall buckle on the armor anew, and the stronger and more formidable our opponents, the more earnest we shall feel. We know in whom we trust.

Four more weeks will bring us to the commencement of Volume 16, of our little family visitor. We are anxious to commence the next volume with 2000 subscribers, and most earnestly appeal to our friends in every section to lend us their aid in bringing up our subscription list to that number. There are many in almost every neighborhood, who would most cheerfully subscribe if they were invited to do so. Will not our friends make an effort now, to swell our list to the desired number. We appeal to you, friends, to lose no time, but send us on the names and the money in advance, and let the light of our Sun shine far and wide.

We are now making out a new mail book, in time for the commencement of the next volume, and if there are any among our present subscribers (we hope there are very few) who do not wish to continue with us another year, we hope that they will give us timely notice so that their names may not be entered on the new book. Erasures on the mail book are eyesores to Publishers.

LOCAL ITEMS.

A District Convention is appointed to be held in Suffolk, on the 5th of April next, to consider the propriety of running a Whig candidate for Congress, in this District.

At a meeting of the Whigs of Nansemond County, held at the Court House, on Monday last, Nathaniel Riddick Esq. was re-nominated for the Legislature.

Last Monday, our County Court, brought together a large number of the citizens of the county, and much business of a public and private character was transacted. Gen. Millson the late representative in Congress from this District, was present seeming to be in good health and spirits.

The General Muster for Nansemond is appointed on Saturday the 23rd of April. The training of the Officers will commence on the 20th of April.

Prof. Pendleton has been lecturing at the Temperance Hall, for several evenings on Psychology. He will Lecture again this evening. See advertisement.

The County Court of Nansemond, at its last term, ordered that an election be held in the Chuckatuck District, on the 4th Thursday in May, for a Justice of the Peace, in the place of Richard A. Crump, removed.

We believe that nearly all our Merchants are preparing to leave for the North early next week. So look out for new Spring Goods soon. Turn to our advertising columns and you will always find the right place to buy Goods.

We invite special attention to our new advertising column. Our young friends Holladay & Bremen have determined to show that Saddles and Harness can be manufactured and sold as cheap in Suffolk as elsewhere.

LITERARY TABLE.

GODEY'S LADY'S BOOK.—The April number of this popular monthly is received. Godey is hard to beat. Price \$3 pr. year. Address L. A. Godey, 323 Chesnut Street, Philadelphia.

PICTURES OF COUNTRY LIFE.—By Alice Cary author of "Clovermook," "Married not Mated" etc. etc. Published by Derby & Jackson 119, Nassau street New York.

Alice Cary is decidedly a popular authoress with the million. She writes pleasantly, gracefully and well, and points a moral so palpably that it dwells long in the mind. The volume before us contains thirteen of her popular stories, that will be read every where with interest. Country life is properly and correctly portrayed and every story contains some good moral, calculated to impress the heart.

For a beautiful copy of the above work we are indebted to our friend James T. Boram of the Oxford Hall, Book Store, Portsmouth, who keeps constantly on hand a large and well selected stock of Books.

CONTRIBUTIONS.

For the Christian Sun. DENOMINATIONAL NEWS.

The Lord has graciously revived his work in the Corydon Christian church, Iowa (near Des Moines, the capital.) Nineteen has been added to the church. J. G. Bishop is pastor.

The Union Christian College, is still the theme in Indiana. The Indiana Sentinel says "the citizens of Anderson are making a strong effort to secure the location. The Union Christian church near there, already has \$35,000 subscribed, and the location is to be determined when an additional \$35,000 is subscribed."

A new house of worship is to be dedicated by the Christians, in North Lewisburg on the 2nd Sabbath in March.

Elder J. T. Hunt gives an interesting account of a revival in the Caryville Christian church. Nineteen was added.

A revival has also been in progress under the labors of Elder Hunt and Morse in the Spring Creek church, Ohio. Fifteen was added.

Rev. Charles Bryant, has received and accepted an invitation to the pastoral care of the Christian church at Skohegan Village, Me.

Elder B. F. Summerbell, has received and accepted an invitation to succeed Eld. L. Wheeler, to the pastoral care of the Christian church, in West Kanopolis Vt.

A good revival has recently been going on in Quaker Street, Schenectady Co., N. Y., under the labors of Elders B. F. Summerbell and H. Brown. Already 38 have publicly manifested a desire to be Christians.

The New England Christian Institute at Anderson, has opened with flattering prospects. Thirty-five students were in attendance at the commencement, with the probability of reaching 60 very soon.

Elder E. W. Humphrey, agent for the "Union Christian College" says there were some additions to the Christian church near Anderson during his visit there, and quite a number recently.

R. H. H.

For the Christian Sun. SHORT SERMONS. No. 2.

By M. B. FARRETT.

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit, so shall ye be my disciples." John 15, 8.

In the volume of eternal truth, we find many beautiful figures used in order to set the Saviour before the eyes of the world clearly so that they can understand the importance of his mission.

He is styled, the Rock—foundation—chief corner stone—shepherd, and in this chapter he calls himself the "vine," in the vineyard of God. He says "I am the true vine, and my father is the husbandman." Our Saviour was at his time endeavoring to comfort his sorrowing disciples, but a short time before he was to leave them and return to the place from whence he came. And what better figures would any one want, than the figure of the vine, and its branches, to show the certainty of the realization of the blessing promised, and the utter impossibility of getting on prosperously in the divine life without Christ. That religion that has not the spirit of Christ, is useless, vain, and will not stand the fire of the last day, bear what Christ says, "Abide in me, and I in you, as the branch cannot bear fruit, of itself except it abide in the vine, and will fall in season to yield their fruit, so will that individual who professes to be a christian, die spiritually, unless he abide in Christ. But the true christian, will abide in Christ, and draw from him strength to yield fruit. We learn that the tree shall be known by its fruit. If the tree is good, the fruit will be good also: The christian in bearing fruit, glorifies his God, the father of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by that act we are known by the world as the disciples of Christ. When you see an individual who professes to be a christian, and does not produce the fruits of the spirit, you may mark him, or her, as one professing to be what in reality they are not. The fruit of the spirit, which every true child of God must bear, are these:

1st. Love—love to God—love to Christ—love for his cause, his Church—love to ourselves, our neighbors, our enemies, and all about us. It is just as impossible to be a christian without this fruit, as it is to fly without wings. Church members may talk as much as they please about their religion, their christianity, and at the same time have cold feelings, or feelings of animosity, and hatred towards their Brethren; I tell that one's religion is vain, for Christ says emphatically: "By this shall all men know, that you are my disciples, if ye have love one for another." Love is the badge by which christians are to be known—it is the fruit which the good tree will produce.

2nd. Joy—Religion will not, as some suppose, make us sad, and go mourning the remainder of our days. No, it is calculated to remove the sad countenance—hush the emotions of sorrow, and fill the soul with joy—such joy that those of the world are strangers to. See that soul that is full of the love of God, and joy will gladden every feature, and even in the midst of the cares and troubles of the world, he will have joy—his joy will over-balance his sorrows and cares.

3rd. Peace—Every christian preaches peace, practices peace, and will endeavor to cultivate a spirit of peace at all times and at all places—he will not suffer jars and contentions to destroy his peace.

4th. Long Suffering—Patiently enduring the trials and difficulties that we may have to encounter—awaiting God's time for deliverance.

5th. Meekness and Goodness—Imitate the example our Saviour has so beautifully set for us—bear our afflictions without murmuring.

6th. Faith—Without this fruit, it is impossible to please God, we may repent, weep and mourn, and continue until time shall be no more, and unless we exercise faith, we will never be the recipients of God's pardoning grace—oh, for more faith.

7th. Temperance—We are commanded to be temperate in all things—men are intemperate in eating, acting, talking and drinking—Christians must yield the fruit of temperance in all things, and especially in drinking poisonous liquors, if they wish to please God.

I would that I had space to particularize on all the fruits of the spirit, but each one, separate, contains matter enough for a short sermon.

Oh, that God may help us to yield these fruits in abundance on earth, that we may reap the full reward of our labors, in his blessed kingdom at last.

NORFOLK, VA.

For the Christian Sun. CHRIST AND JOHN AT THE RIVER JORDAN.

By THOMAS BASHAW.

We saw Christ in the oxen manger at Bethlehem. He then disappeared, and we saw no more of him, until we saw him in the temple at Jerusalem, twelve years after, discussing the great subjects of legal and moral sciences, with the learned Doctors of the law. From that time, we have heard nothing more of the strange and wonderful character we saw in the manger, and at twelve years old in the temple at Jerusalem, contending with the Doctors of the law, until now, when we behold him and a strange looking man, standing on the bank of the river Jordan, in the midst of a great multitude, discussing matters of great moment, concerning the kingdom of God. We asked, who these two strange looking beings were? We were told that one was Jesus, who was born in a stable and cradled in a manger, in the town of Bethlehem, and the other was John the Baptist. And from all the circumstances, they were considered two of the most wonderful characters, the world had ever seen or known. Upon further enquiry, we found that these two strange and wonderful characters, were those which had been spoken of by the prophets from age to age, and in reference to whom, the world had been looking with great interest. One of whom, was the Son of God, the other, John the forerunner of Christ, he that was sent to prepare the way of the Lord, and make his paths straight. They have both been on their way to the river Jordan, for thirty years. John on the one hand, preparing the way for the introduction of the glorious gospel or kingdom of Christ, and Christ on the other, fulfilling all the demands of the law of God, so far as the law requires parental obedience. For He was subject to his parents until He was thirty years old. And it is clear from the accounts given in the New Testament, that Jesus Christ was a carpenter, as his father Joseph was, and as He was subject to him until He was thirty years old, there is no doubt, but that Christ worked with Joseph, his father, in and about Jerusalem, until He was free according to the Jewish law, which required a male to serve, until He was thirty years of age. But some proud spirit may ask the question. Does not such a view of the character of Christ, reflect disgrace upon His character, if He be the Son of God? Can it be supposed, says that proud self-conceited spirit, that the Son of God would have condescended so low in the scale of being, as to have worked as a carpenter with Joseph. We answer. Such a view of the character of Christ, does not reflect disgrace upon him as the Son of God, but serves to elevate his character, and make it shine brighter, since it shows his obedience to God in obeying his laws, and obedience to the requirements of the law, in reference to parental obligation. He was sent to be a pattern in all things to us, from his cradle to his grave, and then a pattern of our resurrection. The self-conceited pride of the human heart, might induce one to ask the same question, in reference to Christ being born in a stable, and cradled in a manger, and say: "Would the Son of God condescend to so low?"

But he was born in a stable, and cradled in a manger. He has served his earthly father in all things, as far as parental obligation extends, and thereby obeyed and glorified his heavenly Father, and gave us an example, and made parental obligation more binding than ever. He now walks forth as a free man, without spot and blemish, having met the full requirements of the law, and obeyed in all things, both God and man. He now meets John at the river Jordan, who had been preparing his way, and requires John to baptize him. But John exclaims, behold the Lamb of God! I have to be baptized of thee, and comest thou to me? But Jesus says, suffer it to be so now, for it becometh you and me to fulfill all righteousness, and then John consented.

And now behold Bethlehem's babe, the Lamb of God, sent to be the light of the world, the pattern and example of all men, in matters of religious duty, as He walks down side by side with his forerunner, and servant John, into the swelling waves, or the still waters of the Jordan. O how solemn the occasion, men and Angels look with the deepest interest. Behold them as they reach the place of interment, O how solemn John feels now, and how meek and humble Jesus looks. The time has come for him to enter upon the great work of his ministry, and the time for John to retire from his.

Behold him as he takes the lowly Lamb in his arms, and gently lays him beneath the wave of old Jordan's running stream, and then raises him again. And as he rises from the watery grave, and turns his face towards the multitude, and makes his way to the shore. Lo! the heavens were thrown open, and the heavenly Dove descended and abode on him, and at the same time, a heavenly voice was heard proclaiming, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. And when that voice proclaimed this grand truth through earth and sky, hell trembled, angels rejoiced, saints felt glad, and sinners looked up with hope.

Thus Jesus the babe of Bethlehem, enters upon his great mission with the benediction of God, the gift of the Holy Ghost, and the rejoicing of all the good of heaven and earth.

Norfolk, Va.

For the Christian Sun. FAMILIAR LETTERS TO AN AFFLICTED FRIEND. No. 1.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—I have no other apology to make for exposing our pleasant little correspondence to the public eye, than the hope that something may be said, which will soothe a pang in some aching breast, or serve as a lamp to the feet of some brother pilgrim who has just entered the visible of that gloomy temple which we have penetrated to its most secret recesses. During my few remaining days, next to that of preparing for that solemn summons which I have so long been expecting, I have no greater desire than to do something to mitigate the sufferings of my all too fellow-creatures! And as my declining health has well nigh suspended my correspondencies, both with my friends and to the press, it has occurred to me that by my feeble energies would be a double service, if in communicating with you some thought should be suggested, which should serve to comfort or to cheer some chastened and disconsolate sufferer.

I am not vain enough to think that I shall be able to suggest anything new upon a subject upon which so much has been written and said, but I do trust that something may be suggested, which shall have a title of interest and profit both for you and for some other child of sorrow, whose eyes may chance to fall on these desultory lines. You and I, my friend, have been the most wretched of scholars, if after our long pupillage we have not learned some lesson, which would be of service to one who has just launched his little barque upon the black waters of affliction, in teaching him to shun the rocks of impatience and the quicksands of discontent, or in pointing him to the haven of resignation, the beacon-light of faith and the star of hope.

And a thought just here as to the duration and intensity of our sufferings: and in the outset let me observe that I shall use the same simple, and familiar style which has ever characterized our correspondence, jutting down thoughts just as they shall occur without any attempt at connection. As I have before intimated, it has been our destiny to drink deeply of the chalice of affliction; and sometimes, I must confess I have hardly been able to suppress rebellious murmurs, because I have been so sorely chastened. But when I contrast my own sufferings with the long and dreary years during which our Father's chastening hand has been laid upon you, I almost blush that I have ever dared to murmur. When I think of you imprisoned in your lonely chamber for well nigh two-score years, with limbs paralyzed and contracted, deprived of the priceless gift of hearing, and scarcely ever freed from the most agonizing pain, I feel that I should overflow with gratitude that my suffering have been so transient when compared with yours. This true you are not so entirely helpless, nor has your system been so fatally shattered by long and painful incarceration, as the righteous use of beneficial drugs, yet I am hardly conscious of a severe chastisement, than on the very threshold of life, to be stricken down by both deaf and dumb, and more than a third of a century to drag on the weary years, a prisoner in your lonely chamber, with scarcely a temporary relaxation from the agonizings of pain. And though "He who tempests to the storm-tost," permits you to enjoy the communion of your intimate friends by observing the motions of their hands and lips, yet you are deprived of much of that enjoyment which I desire from the gift of seeing. Through all these long years you say you have not heard the voice of prayer or the sweet songs of Zion. Assuredly this is a great deprivation! Oh! how my heart has been soothed and cheered as some pious servant of the cross has bowed himself at my bed-side, and lifted up his voice and soul to Heaven in my behalf; or when a group of dear young friends has gathered in my chamber and sung those sweet and heavenly chorusses which I so much delight to hear. And then occasionally too some faithful ambassador of Christ, has not thought it comprising his holy office, to bring his message even to the invalid's hand and home. And oh! how I have been made to rejoice as when even tortured with the keenest pangs, I have heard the unseparated