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LIBERIA MATHEMATICAL AND CLASSICAL SCHOOL – The 1st session will commence on the 18th of January 1847. The prices for tuition are: for Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, and English Grammar, \$16; Geography, wit, the use of maps and globes, and their projection, \$20; Greek, Latin, and French \$32; Mathematics and Algebra \$32, per annum. Tuition and Board 110 dollars per annum, consisting of two sessions, each of 5 months, payable in advance. Time lost by the pupil will not be deducted except in cases of protracted sickness.

P. Thomas Renney

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OBITUARY – Died, at “LIBERIA” Prince William County, the residence of his son, May 8th 1867, of pneumonia, William J. Weir, Esq. in the 75th year of his age. The deceased was native of Spotsylvania County, but in early life moved to Prince William, where he resided until a few years past, and was on a visit to his son from his residence in Fluvanna County, when attacked with the disease to which he fell a victim. Enfeebled by age, and possessed of a delicate constitution, he could not stand the ravages of so dangerous a malady as pneumonia, and from the first inception of the attack his physical strength rapidly gave way. Mr. Weir was a gentleman, whose personal worth was acknowledged by all who knew him; possessed of strong sense, an amiable disposition, and a kind benevolent heart, he was greatly beloved, not only by his immediate family, but by a large circle of friends and acquaintance. We much doubt whether he ever had an enemy. Our deceased friend had been for many years a worthy member of the Protestant Episcopal Church, and had, in an eminent degree, that unobtrusive piety, gentle disposition, and the “charity which thinketh no evil,” combined with integrity of soul, which stamped him as “an honest man, the noblest work of God.” During his last illness he bore his suffering with great patience and resignation to the Divine will, and a few hours before his departure he repeated, to a friend standing near his bedside, the cheering words, “all is well” and calmly, quietly, and without a struggle he passed away from earth to the Paradise of God. Truly, Richmond, Southern Churchman, and Fredericksburg papers please copy.

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COMMISSIONER’S OFFICE, Brentsville, Nov. 11th 1867. To the creditors of W. J. Weir, deceased, and all others concerned.

You are hereby notified that I have fixed, at the request of Walter Weir, executor of the estate of the said William J. Weir, deceased, the 25th day of November next, at my office, for receiving proof of debts or demands against the said decedent, or his estate, at which time and place you are required to attend.

Given under my hand, as commissioner of the county court of Prince William County, the day and year aforesaid.

R. A. Sinclair
Prince William County

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MANASSAS – This place has been one of the most thriving, since the war, in this part of Virginia. At the close of the war there was scarcely a tenement of any kind left, except the brick mansion of Mr. Weir, which was in turn used as headquarters by both General Beauregard and General Sickles. The town now has between seventy and eighty buildings, some of which are very fine. Church privileges are good; the schools also; a good printing office here; with plenty of mechanic shops, and merchant stores, one steam mill; all presenting an air of prosperity in the

midst of a truly fine and fertile farming country. There are two abundant quarries here of excellent red stone, for building &c., are a source of much gain to the owners, and an attraction to the place. There are some fine gardens here.

There are magnificent and charming views of mountain and valley scenery, including the Bull Run range. In sight of here are the early Bull Run Battlefields; many of the fortifications are yet standing, the most prominent being Fort Beauregard and Bunker Hill, close by.

The location is an exceedingly healthy one, and the land is of the best quality. Many people from several eastern, northern and western states have settled and made fine homes in this town and surrounding country, and there are many signs of progress and enjoyment.

In sight of the village is the farm of Major McLean, on which took place the first day's fight of the Bull Run Battle. He soon moved to Appomattox; and there, at his house, the terms of capitulation of Lee to Grant took place; so that he claims that the beginning and ending of the war took place at his two homes, in two counties.

This is a good fruit region, and I suggest that growers do their best to get up a good show for the Boston meeting of the National Pomological Society, and send to the Potomac fruit growers to prepare.

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