

What a happy change must a genuine revival of religion <sup>make</sup> in any town or village?  
And why cannot we have in such precious effusions of the Spirit? The Lord is not  
heavy that he cannot hear; neither is his hand shortened that he cannot save. —  
Are the numbers of Churches and Congregations, generally winking, or desirous that the  
Lord should pour out his Spirit, and revive his work among them? I apprehend  
most professors of religion, would say they did desire such a work of grace to come  
among them. Are they importunate at the throne of grace, for a rich display of  
power among poor sinners around them. We have reason to fear, the profes-  
sed friends of the Redeemer are faulty in this matter. and that it is right time they  
awake out of sleep, and call upon God, till he send down righteousness upon  
them. — The great national sins of Slavery, and Intemperance, I have considered  
as great barriers against the operations of the Spirit upon the hearts of men.  
What can be done more, to abolish the former, I hardly know; yet sure I am,  
that Slavery must one day, cease in our land. and as to the cause of temperance,  
there scarcely has been a wonderful advance during the past year. The remarkable  
and unexpected steps which have been made by the members of the Washington  
Societies, have given a new Spring to the temperance cause. May we not consider  
this as a prelude to revivals of religion? A student attending this Academy,  
has passed his vacation in Manchester, and has just returned, & informs us  
that a powerful revival of religion, is now in progress in that place. He thinks  
there must be rising of one hundred, who have been the subjects of a spiritual  
change. — Mr. Dodge has labored a good number of years among that people,  
without witnessing any great encouragement. But a harvest of more than a  
hundred souls, must greatly strengthen his hands, and encourage his heart,  
in the noble work in which he is engaged. We have been hoping, and I trust  
some have been praying for such a work among this people; yet we witness  
no special movements among those who come from Sabbath to Sabbath, to  
worship in the Sanctuary of the Lord. During the past year, a number  
have been removed from this place, as we hope, "to brighten worlds on high".  
Have you yet seen the Monument of little Maxim Shud? It is well worth