

The Licensed Preacher.

BY "OLD MORTALITY."
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cash out of your wallet. Then they will be compelled to scath gravel or starve.

Forgive these tears for I cannot help but weep when I wonder what will the harvest be when we take to the shovel, pick and plow. Even as old and intelligent as many of us are, there are comparatively few American divines that know which cow horn to pull when they want a glass of buttermilk. Take us all in all, perhaps there is no set of men under the tin canopy of heaven that are so lacking in the wags and ways of this old world. I do not like to tell you this, but it sometimes takes the cobwebs out of my throat when I merely tell a few facts just for variety—though it is not policy in me to do so.

I cannot brag much on some of my brother pulpiteers, who will do and say most anything for the glory of the Lord so long as they get the hind leg of the chicken and a piece of the pie.

"Now, therefore, behold the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these, the prophets (servants) and the Lord has spoken evil concerning thee."—I Kings:22-23.

But why quote the Bible; one can prove most anything by it. It does not say positively that the moon is made of green cheese, but it was made of nothing, and the Lord appears to have had a large amount of this curious commodity on tap at the time he created this earth.

Oh, Moses! what a cock and bull story you told the unsophisticated. But Moses I will not chide your memory for the wonderful things that you are charged with saying, for we sky pilots are still feathering our nests by the fruits of your most magic pen, and I for one will assist my brother preachers in erecting a monument to thy memory—notwithstanding I believe you to have been the grandest liar of your day or any other day.

My little ones, try to keep all books, magazines and newspapers out of the reach of your parents, for by the ignorance of your parents we thrive, and we do this in spite of Hume, Gibbon, Volney, Voltaire, Paine, Ingersoll and all the other infidel writers who were not wise enough to make a living only by the work of their hands and the sweat of their brow. Yet I am sad; oh, what will the harvest be? Amen.

University Fund.

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Dr. B. L. Hjermstad, Cincinnati. 5 00
Total.....\$628 00

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Splendid program at our Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening. Captain Allen is making a hard fight.

It never rains but it pours. Mr. B. A. Leonard presented the school with another good dictionary. This makes three new dictionaries in one week.

The student who spends 2 hours each evening in study gains in 3 months, 120 hours i. e., 20 days or just one month. No wonder that those who study evenings and mornings are happy and gay and come to the recitation with a cheerful smile. We can learn a good lesson from this. Life is a school.

Deart, Physiology B; Charles Page, English Literature; B. B. Smith, English Literature; Walter Dolan, Fourth R. Elocution; Elma Smith, Fourth* R. Elocution; George Brewer, Fourth R. Elocution; Robert Down, Spelling A; George Riches, Book-keeping and Chemistry.

SECULAR NEWS.

The drama "Jane" will be played at Liberal Hall by home talent the last of May.

It was deemed best at the last convention of the Oregon State Secular Union to allow the old officers to hold over with the exception of the secretary, who did not care to

Christ." "Ingersoll to the Clergy," 25 cents. This book comprises a number of questions by ministers of various creeds and answers to the same by Colonel Ingersoll.

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The Boquet.

Editor Torch of Reason:

I received a sample copy of The Torch of Reason, the other day and when I get home to Liberal Mo. where I will go in a few days I want it. I send you by this mail one copy of The Boquet, which I hope you will appreciate. Of the two hundred and ten poems in the book the name of Jesus does not appear and I only found it convenient to point a hit to use the name of God but three times. The preachers say no one can write unless he is inspired by either God, the Holy Ghost or the boy of the cow stable. Yours truly,

G. H. WALSER.

Liberal Mo.

A poem from the above mentioned book appears on the first page of this paper. The Boquet is a splendid book and we hope it will meet with large sales.

Money and Books.

Dear Friends:

Add the inclosed \$3 to your press fund. I mail with this three rolls of reading matter, "Our Animal Friends," hoping they will interest many in your reading rooms. Wishing you every success, I am yours,
J. W. H.
New York City.

Tract Society.

Editor Torch of Reason:

I am highly in favor of your tract society plan. Put me down as a member. Wishing you success, I remain sincerely yours,
B. L. HJERMSTAD. D.D.S.

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We have had several additions to our museum this week. "Grandma" Geer donated a very peculiar bird's nest, and a large petrified shell. Mrs. Mary Starmer gave a jar full of moss that grows in water and is covered with minute shell-fish which are alive and growing. Mrs. Starmer also gave us a joint of a whale's back-bone that was found near the coast.

In the late examination the following students stood 100 per cent in the branches mentioned: Frank Forward, English Literature; Elvin Ames, Grammar B; Walter Smith, Spelling B; Lora Ames, U. S. History; Leona Allen, U. S. History and Spelling A; Harry

hold office any longer. Mr. E. L. Smith, of Silverton, was elected to that office and will undoubtedly prove a good man for the place. He still retains the office of treasurer.

We acknowledge the receipt of the following books published by the Truthseeker Company of New York: "Essay on Miracles," David Hume, 10 cents. This is a splendid little book, being a chapter from the philosophical works of the author. "An Open Letter to Jesus Christ," D. M. Bennett, 10 cents. This is a splendid missionary tract containing a number of pertinent and practical questions directed to "His Excellency, Immanuel J.