

blossoming of a flower in spring.

The flowers take on new and unnatural forms and colors, the birds appear with new feathers and so on, through the whole realm of nature, we have new appearances, yet we do not cry miracle; no more should we in the social or mental world. The same law of cause and effect prevails in every department of Nature and we are not to suppose for every peculiar event a special intervention of God and overthrow of natural law, but rather are to look for the natural explanation.

Throw Off the Yoke.

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gleam of light from heaven penetrates the blackness of the horrible delusion; no voice from the eternal bids the desponding heart rejoice. No fancied tones from the harps of seraphim arouse the dull spirit from its lethargy, or allay the consuming fever of the brain. The wreck of mind is utterly remediless; reason is prostrate; and passion, prejudice and superstition, have reared their temple on the ruins of his intellect.

I pity the unbeliever. What to him is the revelation from on high but a sealed book? He sees nothing above, or around, or beneath him, that evinces the existence of a God, he denies yea, while standing on the foolstool of Omnipotence, and gazing upon the dazzling throne of Jehovah, he shuts his intellect to the light of reason, and denies there is a God."

It is not our object to show the absurdity of the statements and insinuations of the above, but to show that it is a great wrong to teach the children that an unbeliever is an object of great pity. The writer's father was an unbeliever and many of the boys and girls who read such trash today in our public schools are sons and daughters of unbelievers and we hold that it is as wrong to force this upon their children as it would be to force atheism upon the children of orthodox parents.

We pity the believers and could show that the world is far less a world of chance to us than it is to the poor believer in miracles and that far from our reason being prostrate, the unbeliever disbelieves because of his reason, while to believe requires no reason or knowledge. But it is unnecessary to try to show the weakness of the extract to those who have reason and will use it, and he whose reason has been wrecked by superstitious belief, dares not doubt and so we refrain, hoping that all unbelievers will unite with us and help throw off the old yoke that has enslaved our people for so many years.

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SECULAR NEWS.

Our press fund needs your attention at once. What can you do for it?

Under our present amended by-laws we have no licensed lecturers, but we expect to have soon. Those who wish to lecture on our platform and who can fill the requirements should apply at once.

"Astral Worship" is the title of a nicely bound and well-edited book by J. H. Hall, M. D., published by the Truth Seeker Co., New York. The book shows that the world has had but one religion and that originated with the ancient

camp and in the mining regions, closed with the far from pleasant statement that the society's income had been lessened by the falling off in legacies to the amount of nearly \$50,000 during the past year, and that its greatest need at this time is an increase in the donations." As we build, orthodoxy must decay.

Rev. Dr. Radcliffe of the New York Ave. Presbyterian church said: "My Romanist friend may look not only with suspicion but with disapproval upon my baptism, my name and office; yet I can gladly welcome his baptism in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, believing that with all his

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Yone Santo is the name of the University's little dog.

Louie Wolfard became a member of the Y. P. S. S. C. Friday evening.

Walter Smith presented the school with a valuable specimen last Tuesday.

Captain Auie Forward's side scored 55 points at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening.

Miss Ethel Whitlock and Norris Ames entered our school this week. Still there's more to follow.

A number of our students enjoyed the entertainment given at Betheny last Saturday evening.

Our little Japanese retriever donated by F. S. Matteson some time ago, arrived last Friday. It is a beauty.

Among our visitors this week were Mrs. Nellie Riches, the Misses Markland, Mrs. E. L. Smith and Mrs. John Hicks.

The literary contest will take place about May 9. Ten or twelve of the students will enter the contest, and a splendid time is anticipated.

A minister was called to order this week by one of the teachers of the University. In speaking of our work good men should not tell "fish stories."

A number of fine books was added to our library this week. Don't forget to keep them coming. We must have a fine library.

After reading about the gods of ancient Greece some of our students think it would be just as sensible to believe in Jupiter as it is in Jehovah. Isn't it strange what wicked(?) ideas children will get?

The students are not compelled to attend Sunday school but we think it to their advantage to do so. It pleases the conductors to have them all there and it encourages others to come. Come!

One More.

Dear Friends:

Your letter and paper received and will say the paper is good and I think will get better as it gets a larger circulation. I will help to swell the number. Please find my note for five dollars and one dollar for my subscription to the Torch of Reason. Hoping that Secularism will prosper with the republican administration, I remain, yours for truth, E. R. LAUGHLIN.
Caleb, Ore.

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solar worship. The book is entirely new and should be read by all, no matter what their belief. The book may be obtained of the publishers for one dollar.

Rev. Judson Swift, of New York, Field Secretary of the American Tract Society, in his annual report called attention to the fact that 30,000,000 persons (small estimate) in the United States are outside of the Christian church and said "that there was no more important work to be done in this country than that of carrying the gospel to these millions. The report, after giving details concerning the number of publications of the society, of house-to-house visits and other work, including that in the great lumber

superstition, his faith is in Jesus Christ, and that he feeds spiritually, not carnally, on the body of our common Lord." It wouldn't be such a great step for Presbyterians and other orthodox friends to work side by side with the Romanist. Let's get them together as soon as we can. They must come together before they can make this really a Christian nation and when we realize the rapidity with which Liberalism is spreading over our country we doubt that they will get together soon enough to do it at all. Mr. Radcliffe no need to hesitate on the account of superstition, for his belief in the Father, Son and Holy Ghost is as superstitious as anything his Romanist friends believe.