

will find incitements to virtue in the comfort and pleasantness you will feel in its exercise, and the love of others which it will procure you. If you find reason to believe there is a God, a consciousness that you are acting under his eye, and that he approves you, will be a vast additional incitement; if that Jesus was also a God, you will be comforted by a belief of his aid and love. Your own reason is the only oracle given you by Heaven; and you are answerable, not for the rightness, but uprightness of the decision." From the above it is plainly seen that he carried his view of the rights of the individual mind to an extreme, which, in that age, had few supporters in his own country. But though his "doxy" was thus strikingly lax, his moral system was strict. The advice he generally gave his nephews on these points, when they were college students, might be summed up as follows: Perfect freedom of thinking, but no other freedom! To do right and feel humanely, we are bound: it is an honorable bondage, and he is noblest who is most submissive to it; but in matters of opinion, it is infamy not to be free. Hear what he says about conscience:—

"Conscience is as much a part of a man as his leg or arm. It is given to all human beings in a stronger or weaker degree, as force of members is given them in a greater or less degree. It may be strengthened by exercise, as may any particular limb of the body." In his advice to his children and nephews, this truth is often repeated:—

"If ever you find yourself in any difficulty, and doubt how to extricate yourself, do what is right, and you will find it the easiest way of getting out of the difficulty."

And again, to Peter Carr:—

"Give up money, give up fame, give up science, give the earth itself, and all it contains, rather than do an immoral act. And never suppose than in any possible situation or any circumstances, it is best for you to do a dishonorable thing."—Bennett's World's Sages.

**All Ready Now.**

The Finance Committee for the construction of the Liberal University is now ready to receive subscriptions. The building committee will be upon us right away and we must be prepared to pay their bills.

We earnestly request that all who have signified a desire for an institution of this kind, now come forward with a liberal subscription for its construction. Negotiable paper will be accepted the same as cash, and we wish to impress on the subscribers that it is not our intention to press any one for payment, so that it will be possible for you to subscribe liberally. If you feel

you cannot give a thousand all at once, just specify in your subscription that it is payable in instalments and send it along, by registered mail, express, special messenger or, lastly, by freight; BUT BE SURE THAT IT STARTS.

To all of our friends: Do not hesitate, but come right forward with every dollar of subscription that you can possibly persuade yourself to believe that you can now or at any time in the future pay.

A cut of the proposed building can be seen in the Torch of Reason in the near future a copy of which may be procured by dropping a postal to the undersigned.

We wish to impress upon you that its erection is an assured

**UNIVERSITY NOTES.**

Dannie Malloy entered the University last Monday.

This is examination week and the students are putting in much time reviewing.

Quite a number of our girls have uniforms and they (the girls) look very nice if they are infidels, but the best of it is they are nice.

Our staunch Liberal friend Mr. H. E. Klein brought us several fine books for the library last Sunday when he came to Sunday-school.

The committee on location are having quite a time in selecting the building sight, but it is better to be careful and make no mistakes in

students do not know how much they miss in one week unless they are obliged to stay out.

Every Secularist should act as our agent and help along the work now while we need help most. Please do not think we are short-lived. We will succeed! Write to us.

Mr. F. J. Beaty of Chemawa, Ore., has donated fifty dollars' worth of furniture to the Liberal University. This is just what we wanted and Mr. Beaty deserves a vote of thanks from every Liberal.

The following is an essay on "Science," written by Leona Allen, one of the students of the University:

"Science is one of the grandest things the world has ever known. If it were not for Science we would lack knowledge of ourselves, of the world in which we live, and, in fact, everything that leads to refinement and a high civilization. Science leads to high and noble thoughts, and that is what every person needs to possess, who wishes to become happy, and make the world better."

We do not believe that more could be said in the same number of words, and as the number was limited, we think the student did excellent work.

**For the Secular Church.**

Editor Torch of Reason:

In the Torch of March 11th the article by James R. Allen has attracted considerable attention among Cincinnati Liberals, of which I am a member. Every real thought on every real subject knocks the wind out of somebody or other. As soon as his breath comes back he very probably begins to expand it in hard words. These are the best evidences that a man can have that he has said something it was time to say.

Oliver Wendall Holmes compares the dawning of a new idea to the turning over of a stone in a field. After describing all the blind and wriggling creatures which live beneath the stone, he says: "But no sooner is the stone turned and the wholesome light let in upon the compressed and blinded community of creeping things, than all of them which enjoy the luxury of legs—and some have a good many—rush around wildly butting each other and everything in their way, and end in a general stampede for underground retreats from the region poisoned by sunshine. You never need think you can turn up a new idea without a terrible squirming and scattering of the horrid little population that dwells under it."

AN ADVOCATE.

Cincinnati, O.

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fact and that your subscription will be used solely for that purpose. All our details have been arranged and the several matters have been placed in the hands of committees for execution.

Several have promised to subscribe provided it is built by November; to those we would say, send the money right along for it will be done.

It is absolutely necessary that we have the building ready for occupation at the earliest possible moment, and to this end we urgently request prompt subscriptions. Cut the subscription blank out of the Torch of Reason, fill it out, sign and return it at once.

E. L. SMITH,  
Secretary-Treasurer O. S. S. U.

this matter for it is a very important one. Several offers of land and money have been made and we hope to know just what we are going to do next week.

We were somewhat disappointed in not being able to have the cut of the University in this week's issue, but we must learn to labor and to wait.

Seventy-two points for Captain Allen's side last Friday evening at the Y. P. S. S. C. Everything was good, but the pantomime was excellent.

Miss Lora Ames was obliged to stay out last week on account of her eyes. Miss Ames says that the