

A Theosophist Pantheist.

A very old woman had a very old cheese,
The age of this cheese still remains a
great riddle;
In summer 'twould thaw, in winter
'twould freeze;
But a grub reincarnate once appeared
in its middle.
When that cheese froze again, this grub
was no more;
His soul, now decarnate, floated off in
the cheese;
But this theosophic grub had left mill-
ions of spore;
So when this cheese thawed, many
grubs came from these.
Thus, year after year, grubs went and
grubs came;
Till tradition e'en failed to explain
their beginning;
But a scientific grub, reincarnate, now
came,
Born again in this cheese, to atone for
old sinning.
For ages and ages he'd floated in space,
All through this great cheese—so
surely 'twas old—
All the time looking out for a suitable
place
In which to incarnate and further un-
fold.
Being now a wise grub, far wiser than
others;
Like Blavatsky, or Olcott, he resolved
to advise;
And the many wise doctrines he
preached to his brothers
Were received with great joy, and with
wide-open eyes.
So he called a convention, most solemn
and odd—
Big grubs, little grubs, grubs of all age;
The question to discuss was: "What and
where's God?"
This question he answered—this scien-
tific sage.
Quoth he: "Silly grubs, in learning I'm
skilled;
I've been born and have died many
hundred times o'er.
Now to you I declare that all space is
filled
With God—which is cheese—there can
be nothing more.
"There exists but one substance, and
that is pure cheese;
As cheese you can see it, but as God it
is smell.
[Just here this sage stopped until he
could sneeze;
And they all said they knew about
God, very well.]
"Now we're in the cheese, and the
cheese is in us;
With cheese we are filled, and we fill
the cheese—
I adjourn this convention, without
further fuss.
Go—gnaw, and be happy—you are all
God and cheese.
—K. D. Wise in Freethinker.

B. F. Underwood.

Mr. B. F. Underwood, well known on this coast, will soon start west on a lecture tour and he intends to spend several weeks in California, Oregon and Washington. We feel sure that Mr. Underwood will do a vast amount of good to the cause and it is with pleasure that we announce his coming. We earnestly request Secularists in the Coast states to arrange for lectures. Let us give him a splendid reception and keep him here if we can. For terms and dates address Mr. Underwood, at 2653 Evanston avenue, Chicago.

UNIVERSITY NOTES.

The negro minstrel was very laughable at the Y. P. S. S. C.
Mrs. H. C. Page, of Zena, made us a visit Monday and Tuesday.
H. C. Page donated twelve volumes to our library this week. "Who'll be the next?"
Elvin Ames was obliged to stay at home part of this week on account of not being well.
Don't forget the literary contest next Sunday evening at Liberal Hall. Admission, 10 cents.
The deed is being made out for our University land and work on the building will begin soon.

Miss Kate DePeatt, of Ashland, Ore., is helping us in the University this week. We hope to secure Miss DePeatt as a permanent worker. Her mother, Mrs. A. DePeatt, a well-known Secularist of Ashland, talks of moving to this place on account of the Liberal University.

McMinnville.

The following officers from McMinnville Secular church were elected April 11th: H. M. Danel, president; M. J. Olds, vice-president; Lewis Hopfields, vice-president; William Lambert, secretary. W. T. Booth, Treasurer; Mrs. Nettie O. Haight, Lecturer.

Some ministers seem to think that infidelity caused The French Revolution and attending butcheries, but we hold that the cause was too much kingcraft and priestcraft. Shall we allow the chains to be fastened around our limbs until it will be necessary to have another French Revolution in order to free ourselves?

Some think that god is no larger than an ordinary man while others believe him to be very large. One man seems to think that one of his eyes is as large as the earth.

Reliable Knowledge.

The growing complexity of civil-ized life demands with each age broader and more exact knowledge as to the material surroundings and the greater precisions in our recognition of the invisible forces or tendencies about us. We are in the hands of the fates; and the greater our activities the more evident become these limiting conditions. The secret of power with man is to know its limitations. To this end we need constantly new accessions of truth as to the universe and a better definition of the truths which are old.

Such knowledge, tested and placed in order, we call science. Science is the gathered wisdom of the race. Only a part of it can be grasped by any one man. Each must enter into the work of others. Science is the flower of the altruism of the ages, by which nothing that lives "liveth for itself alone." The recognition of facts and of laws is the province of science. We know only what lies about us from our own experience and that of others, this experience of others being translated into terms of our own experience and more or less perfectly blended with it. We find the meaning of phenomena only from our reasoning based on these experiences.

All knowledge which we can attain or hope to attain must, in so far as it is knowledge at all, be stated in terms of human experience. The laws of nature are not the products of science. They are the human glimpses of that which is the "law before all time."

This human experience is the foundation of all knowledge. Even innate ideas, if such ideas exist, are derived in some way from knowledge possessed by our ancestors, as innate impulses to action are related to ancestral needs for action.
—David Starr Jordan.

For Sale.

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How do you like the cut of the University building? We think the building will look nicer than the picture.

Last Friday evening at the Y. P. S. S. C., Captain Amie Forward's side received the highest number of credits yet given, the number being 120.

Pearl W. Geer, president of the Oregon State Secular Union, is contemplating making a lecture tour through Southern Oregon and California this summer in the interest of the Oregon State Secular Union and the Liberal University. For particulars address Mr. Geer at this office. Arrange for lectures if you possibly can.

Little Points.

If God had been a woman and had come to earth and had a child in a manger, would it have been said of her, "go your way and sin no more," or would she have been worshipped as the male god is today?

Many teachers in the universities of our country hold their positions by being hypocrites. Many of them do not believe old orthodoxy any more than we do, for they have studied the sciences and can not believe; but for the sake of holding their positions they "lay low." We hope the premium on hypocrisy will soon be removed. Let us do all we can.