

The Licensed Preacher.
"BY OLD MORTALITY."

(CONTINUED FROM SIXTH PAGE.)

And now one more word: Let the actions of your parents be as a beacon light unto you. Some parents are not over-wise; let their folly be a warning unto you. Try hard to make yourselves far wiser and better than your parents are; in other words be an improvement upon them. Try to make yourselves smart and intelligent enough not to lie or steal. The world loves and honors the honest, pure and noble.

I would like to continue this interesting subject but I must hasten home, for Rev. Mrs. Roxy Jane Mortality informed me that about forty female members of the salvation army will hold a season of prayer at our house for the conversion of the heathen of New Jersey, Missouri and Colorado; so in order to hear them laugh and talk about their fool husbands and lovers, I must hasten home and conceal myself in the clothes-press before their arrival. Meeting is now dismissed. Amen.

Field Notes.

Lone Rock, June 30. E. M. 297. —We thoroughly enjoyed the delightful drive from Lexington to Heppner, where we arrived about eleven o'clock a. m. We noticed that most of our bills had been destroyed, so immediately after dinner we took our satchels and proceeded to scatter dodgers liberally. Heppner is reported to be a very orthodox place and we were told that we need not expect a large audience as there were only three or four Liberals in town. The Opera hall had been engaged for us and we were greeted with a large and attentive audience. The Liberals were very anxious to have us speak the next evening but as in that case arrangements could not be made to take us to Lone Rock, we were compelled to give up the plan after promising that we would come again whenever possible. All that is needed at Heppner is agitation and we are satisfied that the Freethought ranks there would swell into large numbers.

After the lecture, we were driven to the pleasant home of Mr. Crabtree, which is about eight miles in the country. We fully appreciated the kind hospitality, and enjoyed the fluent conversation of these inveterate workers in our cause. Bright and early Tuesday morning we started on our journey to Lone Rock, thirty-five miles distant. We were driving along quietly when some one exclaimed, "O, there's a snake!" It proved to be a large rattler about three feet long. We procured the rattles and will preserve them as a memento of our trip. At noon we arrived at Rock Creek where we did ample

justice to Mrs. Crabtree's excellent lunch. The country is barren and rocky, chiefly adapted to stock-raising. In the afternoon we met a band of two hundred head of cattle which were being driven to Heppner for shipment to Nebraska.

The average price per head was twenty dollars. About five o'clock we came in sight of Lone Rock where we were met by Mr. D. C. Andrews and driven to his pleasant home in the country. It is surrounded by timber and the glimpse spoke to us of home, and the fact was at once verified by our hearty welcome. Lone Rock is also reported to be a very orthodox place, but it is with hearts full of courage and hope that we go to our work this afternoon.

LATER.

Wagner, Oregon, July 3, E. M. 297:—Wednesday night we lectured at Lone Rock, and notwithstanding the predominance of the religious element, the school house was well filled with an attentive audience. We secured several subscribers to the **LITTLE CANDLE** and one to the **TORCH**, and also a good collection. At the close it was left to the audience as to whether we would speak again the following evening. The eyes had it without a single dissenting voice. There were a few however, "on the fence."

The next evening we were again met with a splendid audience, much to the surprise of our Liberal friends. With a few exceptions all who attended the evening before were present.

Thanks are due to those who so kindly assisted us with the music. The Liberals at Lone Rock are much encouraged, and with renewed energy and hope take their place in the battle-line for Universal Mental Liberty. Our visit was one long to be remembered.

Friday morning we were up with the sun ready for our ride to Wagner. Mr. Andrews and wife, to whose kind hospitality we are much indebted, drove us to Wagner twenty miles distant. Our drive was a most enjoyable one through the mountains, with trees of pine, fir and various other varieties to rest the eye, wearied by the treeless plains. We again lunched by a babbling brook with the delightful sound of Nature's music as a fitting accompaniment. In truthful words we could cry out with the sage, "Fate cannot harm me, I have dined to-day." We arrived at Wagner about two o'clock p. m., and drove to the pleasant home of Mr. Gates, where we were cordially welcomed. The scenery around here is very beautiful, with the rugged, green mountains meeting the eye on every hand. Wagner has long been considered the banner place of Secularism in Eastern Oregon and with patriotic pride tomorrow we will celebrate the Fourth in true Secular style. Truly Secularism is flourishing and we must on with the battle.

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UNIVERSITY NOTES.

Harry Desart commenced work on the University this week.

Mr. H. E. Klein is donating team work and will do twenty-five dollars worth of carpentering on the main building.

Some of our friends wrote, enquiring who to send their donations to. We thought it a good plan to let every one know through the paper this week. Page 7.

Would you like to pass the hat for us? Send for one.

The rain this week hindered our work a little, but we do not think that it was owing to anyone's prayers.

We will soon have constructed a beautiful little apparatus which we will call the Liberal University Roll of Honor. It will consist of two rollers in a decorated frame work. At one end of the rollers will be attached a crank which will turn an endless roll of strong, durable paper on which will be written the names of those who assisted in building the only Liberal University in the world. Opposite each name will appear the assistance each gave; and this Roll of Honor will be kept in the school as a perpetual record.

The deed for the University site is at last signed, sealed, accepted and delivered. Now let us make this site a beautiful sight.

Little Points.

Praying and drinking whiskey may make some men happy, but they are both useless, costly, injurious and a bad example. They both show a weakness.

Would you purposely place a great temptation in the way of a child and then curse it forever for yielding? Would a good god do so?

Isn't it more reasonable to suppose that men falsely claimed to be inspired than to believe in inspiration? Wouldn't it have been very wonderful if cunning men had not deceived the masses in olden times when they were so ignorant?

If prayer would remove mountains the United States would be a vast wind-swept prairie in a very short time. Prayer will not remove an ant hill.

Could there have been a universal flood? All the water on the earth, in the oceans, lakes and rivers, in the form of vapor, steam, and existing in animal and plant forms would not cover the land. How could all the plants have lived during the flood? Would wheat live over a year if covered with water?

In some animals the male is entirely wanting. How could Noah have taken "the male and his female" into the ark?

Church Meeting.

At a regular meeting of the Silverton Secular church last Sunday morning, the following amendment was offered, read for the first time and laid on the table to be taken up for final action at the next regular meeting, the first Sunday in August:

"Resolved, That article three (3) of the constitution of the Silverton Secular church be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE III.

"Section 1. Membership.—Any person in sympathy with the objects of this organization, who can satisfy the Executive Committee that he or she is of good moral character, may become a member with all and every right and privilege of membership by signing the constitution and paying into the treasury of this organization the sum of twenty-five cents which is to be received as three months' dues. Provided however, that no member under sixteen years of age be allowed to vote.

"Section 2. Dues.—All members shall pay quarterly dues of twenty-five cents, payable in advance, to the treasurer of this organization on or before the first Sunday in January, April, July and October.

"Section 3. Any member failing to pay dues at the expiration of thirty days from date they become due shall be notified by the secretary and if dues are not paid within thirty days from date of such notification, such member's name may be stricken from the roll.

"Section 4. Members stricken from the roll on account of non-payment of dues, may be reinstated on payment of one dollar and complying with ARTICLE III, Sec. 1, of this constitution."

University Fund.

The amount given in this fund is actual cash paid in, regardless of what has been promised:

James Down, Silverton, Or,	\$ 50.00
J. Wolfard & Co.	25.00
M. J. Adams	25.00
L. Adams	5.00
John Porter	50.00
Peter Rauch	40.00
H. L. Eisenhart	5.00
Julius Fisher	20.00
Samuel Ames	25.00
L. Ames	25.00
J. H. Porter	10.00
A. Friend	10.00
E. Wolfard	10.00
B. A. Leonard	5.00
Kate DePeatt	5.00
A. L. Eisenhart	5.00
J. McArdle, Council Bluffs, Ia.,	1.00

MATERIAL.

A. Wolf & Son, (lumber)	\$100.00
J. Wolfard & Co., (shingles)	25.00

Our work will improve as we get a larger number of subscribers. Get up a club of 5 for \$3.75, and thus make \$1.25 and help the cause.