

A Good Example.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Inclosed find one dollar for which please credit me with a year's subscription to the TORCH OF REASON, commencing with July 1st number. I consider it a very bright little paper containing many excellent articles and I wish it unlimited success as it goes forth in the interest of the Liberal University and in its efforts to benefit and improve mankind by advocating the purest morality and the exercise of reason and mental liberty for all. Whether your ethical basis may or may not draw the lines a little tight, it contains no clause that will exclude either myself or husband from the Freethought ranks, or conflict with our ideas of things to which all Freethinkers should aspire.

I also inclose the blank note you sent me in your letter of April 14. I jokingly asked Mr. Burtis to fill it out, with the result, as you see, of \$5.00 to the University fund. Every little helps. I hope in time that we will be in circumstances to do more, as I am very much interested in the success of the University. I hold a few shares of bank stock in a bank that on account of losses sustained and hard times generally, has paid no dividends since Jan. 1st, 1893, but the prospects now are that it will pay a small dividend in July. It is some of this stock that I intend leaving by bequest to the University if it becomes an established institution, which I sincerely hope it may, as a Secular school I believe will do incalculable good. Wishing you success, I am,

Yours sincerely,
FLORA A. BURTIS.

Campmeeting.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Campmeeting of the "Campbellite" variety came into being at this burg day before yesterday, and to-day should be one of its great days.

But it was not to be, for the conductors' picnic at the State Fair grounds was on, and a great many people appeared to have preferred worldly enjoyment to the seeking after their souls' salvation. Even the heavens were unpropitious, for the overshadowing clouds of an "angry God" shed "His" rain upon the just and the unjust, thereby dampening the divine afflatus of the average campmeeting-going devotee.

The keepers of refreshment booths sat with long faces in their door-ways, animate advertisements of dull business. A charge of ten cents per head at the gate on Sunday was freely criticised by some, but it appears that while the gospel is preached to the poor, without money and without price, they had to pay ten cents to get on to the campgrounds. Well, it saves pass-

ing the hat and catches many a sinner the hat wouldn't.

Monday 21st. Quiet as usual. Occasionally a stranger passes along the walk leading to the camp-ground, but the usual loiterers are on the corners and the usual crowd "gasing" in the blacksmith shop, and but for the heavy d-o-o-ng d-o-o-ng of the tabernacle bell, no one would suspect that the annual campmeeting of the state organization of the Christian (Campbellite) church was less than two hundred steps away; yet such is the eternal verity, which any doubter may ascertain by going out there.

22nd. And again the rain. The more rain the more grain, but the less campmeeting. Whatever anxiety people may have for the welfare of their souls, the comfort of their bodies and the care of their Sunday clothes appears to be largely to the front. But it is all right. Financially the rain beats the gospel. Good crops will do more for the salvation of the people, than all the praise and supplication to an imaginary Deity that can be "got off" at a dozen campmeetings. Annual picnic campmeetings are O. K. but blessed be the gentle rain.

23d-24th-25th, ditto.

Sunday 27th. This is the great day at the campmeeting but not more than half as many people were here as last year. The weather was perfect, but "General Depression" appears to command even the "army of God." Campmeetings cannot prosper unless the people are prospering. The usual amount of grumbling at the gate fees was indulged in, and a more than usual number of boys got in by climbing up some other way, i. e., by shinning over the fence. If there were any results gratifying to the church people, I am not informed thereof; in fact, I think the late annual convocation of the state organization of this church was what the average street garcon would denominate a "water haul."

Monday 28th. And the blind devotees of a mythical God, on the old camp-ground to-day; are folding their tents like the Arab, and as silently stealing away.

Turner, Or. SELAH.

Help From Canada.

TO THE EDITOR:

Enclosed you will find Express money order for \$10.00, to be devoted to the fund for building the Liberal University, for which I sincerely wish you the best success. I shall look with pleasure from time to time in the TORCH for accounts of its advancement in construction.

Very sincerely,
J. JOHNSTON.

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