modern universities in the United time. After this free distribution, rival tracts. The editor or the pub- N. Jerman, States, for there are but very few each Promoter should pay 2 cents a lie may decide which writer wins that are not tangled up with some copy, or 15 cents for 10, for all copies the honors. I shall rejoice to be form of theology. The establish- of the phamphlet they are willing to beaten, for my object is to secure ment of our University is an under- use, and 10 cents for 50 copies of the best tracts obtainable for the taking of so gigantic proportions either tract, or \$1, a year which the promotion of Scientific Wisdom that we must not expect nor wish Tract Distributors are to pay for 50 everywhere. it to be of too rapid a growth, of each of the 12 tracts. Here students of all ages are to ly scientific" or in other words they are to become philosophers (Truth the term.

There are many things favoring this locality for such an institution. There is more freedom of thought in the West. The climate is not too warm in the summer nor too cold in the winter for the best work of students.

This is a great fruit country and we hold that fresh fruit in its season is a great advantage to those of sedentary habits. There are never any hard thunder storms, cyclones nor blizzards here to worry or distract one's mind from its work. Within very short distances we have represented all the different topographical, geographical and geological structures of the earth. One who wishes, may climb to the top of a snow-capped mountain, study the leaves of the great stone book from the lowest strata, or the wonderful life-forms of the great ocean. Truly it will not be Nature's fault if our school for the study of her laws does not mark an epoch in the history of human progress.

From Eliza Mowry Bliven.

September, I shall not have time to together. I want a request put in write much; but a little each week the Torch that all who have any will keep our work moving on. Be- pamphlet, old paper, or book. consides answering inquires, and obtain- taining appropriate arguments for ing helps towards the tracts, I want any of the tacts will send such to to find one or more, in each of sev- me, or copy off whatever is approprieral States who will obtain and ate and just send that, as well as arsend me lists of Liberal people guments they think out themselves. there. I want to obtain addresses If they have only one brief arguof about 100 Liberals in each state, ment, send it. All helps for the first by the time the first tract is ready, tract should be sent me by Aug. 20; say Oct, 1st. Then I want printed all for the second tract by Sep. 20, and sent to each, a pamphlet in as and so on. cheap a form as possible (or a Torch All who favor the movement Supplement) to contain the original enough to help it along, in any way plan for the Evolution of Free-should send me their addresses to be Origin of Species Chas, Darwin thought and Wisdom. The pam- enrolled as Promoters, stating what phlet must also contain the Enroll- they will try to do. Each name Data of Ethics..... ment paper and the first tract.

we have all of it together to send to the leaders, adds to the strength inquirers and for use in obtaining and influence of the cause, helps to Hypatia Tract Distributors and other Pro- make it popular, and leads others moters.

should receive only one tract at a every week for a year with these

learn to have aims which are "pure- for the "Torch of Reason" if they it can be printed, and the contest wish to keep track of how the work thereon close by the middle of Sepprogresses. I would like to answer tember, because my pamphlet must Seekers) in the broadest sense of all appropriate inquiries through the contain the successful tract, or one Torch, and give credit there, for compiled from the best of each, and whatever helps I may receive, be in print by Oct. 1st. Whenever a very good argument for either of the tracts is sent me, given in the enrollment paper of or I find any by reading or thinking, I believe I had better send it right on to the Torch; and thus keep motes licentiousness, dishonesty Or a First-Class your readers interested, and feeling and wars. Scientific knowledge of that the work is moving on, and sins and punishments promotes thus win them into thinking, and hunting up helping arguments to send me. But I must answer some inquirers direct, and select and send for some freethought pamphlets, and write to some who may help on the enrollment, tracts, etc. and I intend to complete the first tract and the revised plan for the pamphlet between Sep. 1st and Oct. 1st, so whatever I write for the TORCH for some time must be brief, (excepting such parts of this as you will be developing their own brains can use).

I have 12 "pigeon holes," to be labeled with the 12 subjects, realy for the arguments, papers, books, etc., that I get hold of, appropriate to help in the preparation of the 12 the few new ideas they give us. tracts: so when I am ready to write each, whatever materials have come selected, and write such a powerful Between now and the first of to my hand for that tract, will be tract, that it will be used in place

counts only one, but each addi-It seems almost necessary that tion to our numbers encourages History French Revolution " to make up their minds to join us Perhaps some others would help and help it on. So the sooner each pay for part of the printing if they sends in his or her name the better, knew about it, so we could distri- with a promise to do something, bute more free copies. I think we however little that may be. If any Hood's Poems can make the March 25th and June one or several besides myself will try 24th Torches do till this little pam- their hand at writing any of those Byron's Poems phlet is ready. All who become Pro- 12 tracts, I shall enjoy the compemoters, all other Freethinkers, and tition. We have been promised two also those who are almost Freethink- columns at least in the Torch of ers, should have a copy of the pam- REASON for carrying ahead this work phlet but all the rest of mankind and I would like to fill that space 291 ALDER ST.

All who enter the lists on the first Each promoter should subscribe tract must send in their attempt so

The subject of the first tract as June 24th, is "Character of God and Bible immorality; how religion promorality." But I am afraid that is so bold a statement that Christians will refuse to read it. So while the tract must prove this, the subject will be simply "Can sins be forgiven?" We may find it necessary to modify or obliterate some of the other subjects in that list, to win their being read; what they must prove is mapped out in that list.

Though only one can win the honor on each tract, all who try in the right direction, and learning to write in that clear, concise, strong convincing style which makes the ideal author. Most all writers and public speakers are too wordy, for

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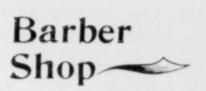
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