

LITTLE POINTS.

Is God everywhere? Is he in hell?

Why didn't Christ write his autobiography?

Does God love his enemies? Does he love the devil?

The man who invents a mouse trap is of more use to the world than all the theologians.

Why don't God have another son and try again to save the world? His first attempt has been a failure.

Any religion or creed that calls the attention of people away from this world to things of an imaginary one is a great evil.

According to the Apostles' creed, Jesus descended into hell. Why didn't he convert the prisoners and make the devil let them out?

There is no greater anarchy in the world than orthodoxy. Where could be found doctrines of a worse confusion than the miracles and myths of the bible?

Was there ever anything more absurd than the Christian religion? Think! World was made in six days—Man made of dust—Woman made of a rib—All men cursed by one eating an apple—Nearly all destroyed by an angry God—God's ghost had a son by a human female—God, ghost and son one—Son killed to save the world, and the world not saved yet.

Board Meeting.

The executive board of the O. S. S. U. held a regular meeting at Liberal Hall, Sunday morning. All the members of the board were present either in person or by proxy. Attention was called to the omission of the president's decision in the minutes of the last special meeting of the board. The decision was in substance that the officers, and not the offices, of the O. S. S. U. constitute the executive board, and therefore E. L. Smith was only entitled to one vote although he held two offices. Secretary Smith admitted that the decision was made, but refused to make the correction to the minutes unless the board voted for him to do so. The vote was taken and Secretary Smith announced that there were four votes for, and four against correcting the minutes, he having voted twice for himself and twice for the two proxies he held, against the correction. The president again made the decision that Mr. Smith had but one vote and declared the motion carried and ordered the minutes corrected.

The strong opposition on the part of the secretary to correcting the minutes, after admitting they were wrong, called forth a motion from Supt. Hosmer to declare the office of secretary vacant and that the president be instructed to appoint

some one to fill the vacancy. The motion carried and the president appointed Miss Kate DePeatt.

A warrant was ordered drawn on the treasurer for five dollars to pay for the printing of applications and certificates of membership. A contract was awarded to the Liberal University Co. for the printing of 1000 copies of the constitution and by-laws for the sum of ten dollars. The subject of proxies was brought up and the board decided by vote that they would not allow members to vote by proxy at any future meeting, as proxies are very often used when the parties giving them are ignorant of the question voted on.

PEARL W. GEER
Pres. O. S. S. U.

Words of Gratitude.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I found the blue pencil mark and send postoffice order of 50 cents for the continuance of the TORCH. We can not get along without it, and prize it especially for the sound moral foundation upon which it is built. I feel that we owe the Liberal University Company a debt of gratitude, and hope to be able to pay it some day. There are many around us who would be glad to help the work along if they had the means, but I hope you will not become discouraged, for if business revives in Oregon the University fund will be increased. Franklin Steiner must now be at Silverton. We hope to hear him when he comes to Oregon City. We have no Freethought lectures here, and when people die there is the usual orthodox funeral service. This is all right among Christian people, but it seems very inconsistent among Freethinkers. Somehow the thought is repulsive to me, that when I die I must be preached over by a minister of a gospel which I believe to be untrue. I wish some kind Liberal thinker would write something on this subject of funerals where there is no Freethought speaker to be procured. I have the oration of Ingersoll at the grave of his brother and think it the most beautiful thing conceivable.

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NEWS AND NOTES.

School will begin the first Wednesday in November.

The rain has dampened our work for a number of days.

We sold a life scholarship to Mr. Beaty of Chemawa this week; who'll be the next?

A load of us go to Chemawa this evening to give a lecture and musical entertainment.

The new building may not be ready for occupancy by November 3d, but the school work will go on just the same.

We received a box of fine peaches Wednesday from Miss DePeatt's mother, whose home is in Ashland, Oregon.

Franklin Steiner is with us, and has delivered two very interesting lectures. He lectures here again next Sunday evening.

Miss Kate DePeatt was appointed secretary of the Oregon State Secular Union at the regular meeting of the executive board last Sunday.

We would like very much to see all of the old students and many new ones in our school this fall. Students who wish to come should be sure to write to us about it before deciding that they cannot attend this year.

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