

will do right without being forced to, and no punishments will be necessary when no violations of others rights are known, but even when men are much more perfect than they are now they will be obliged to decide on rules of action so as to work in harmony in carrying on the great work of a civilized people; and these rules will be the laws. We cannot even then say that every man "is a law unto himself" for although all may agree to the laws and all work in harmony yet every man will be helping to make laws for others and obeying laws that others have helped make and of course will not be "a law unto himself." Secularism and civilization will increase; anarchy and barbarism, like the mammoth and mastodon will only be found in the fossiliferous rocks of human history.

Don't Get Hurt.

Some of our friends think that our editorials are "meant for them," but we very seldom indulge in personalities, and never unless in self-defense. In speaking of certain facts with which we are acquainted we only do so in order to illustrate some principle, and not to hurt anyone's feelings. We believe that there is no one in the whole world who can overlook the faults of others easier than we can, for we are thoroughly convinced that the old free moral agency idea is a humbug, and that we are all what our inherited tendencies and our environments make us; but at the same time we believe that all should try to make our surroundings the best we can, and when we write editorials this is what we are trying to do. If we make mistakes, and those who read are hurt in anyway, they must try to overlook our shortcomings, as they expect us to overlook theirs. Secularists should be as a family of intelligent brothers and sisters, helping one another to correct their faults and living as happy, useful lives as possible.

Kind Words from Students.

We look forward to the third of next month as the beginning of the second school year of the Liberal University, and have every reason to believe that it will be as successful as the previous year's work. The prospects are that we will have a larger number of professors as well as students this year than we had last; this indicates that others have become interested in our educational work, and we already feel stronger in spite of the many schemes that have been intended to deter our progress. Therefore let everyone that believes in education, as well as promoting a cause that will hereafter lead to a higher state of civilization and refinement in the coming generation, help the work now in hand by sending their children, and I assure them that

both the professors and students will do all in their power to make their coming both beneficial and pleasant. Hoping to meet many new students, as well as the old ones, and become acquainted with them, I am yours truly,
 Silvertion, Ore. LOUIE RAUCH.

I attended the Liberal University last year and will attend again this year. It has been a success in every way. Everyone who can should attend and help it along. It is a grand undertaking, and those who have so kindly given their assistance will be rewarded by seeing many young men and women helped to an education that will be carried out on a broad and liberal plan, which will be of far more value to them than such as is received from sectarian institutions.
 Silvertion, Ore. LORA AMES.

God and the Government.

A governmental recognition of God means a recognition of him by the force of the pains and penalties which the government has at its command for the execution of its purposes. When the government makes a recognition of God, it means that you must recognize God in precisely the same manner, no matter whether you believe in it or not, or be counted out of the government altogether. For the people being the government, what the government does is done by the people. You are either not the government, or else you participate in the government's action. If you are a part of the government, you must conform to the government's religion. If you are not a part of the government, you must suffer the penalties which belong with disfranchisement.—American Sentinel.

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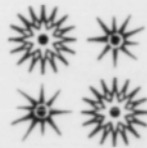
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