

NEWS AND NOTES.

Two new students, David Morgan and Louie Steelhammer, entered the University this week.

Elvin Ames, who has had to stay out of school on account of sickness, expects to be with us again next week.

Leona Allen is sick this week and has to stay out of school. We hope to see her well soon and back at her desk.

Remember the Sunday school entertainment Saturday night at Liberal Hall. All of the proceeds go to the Sunday school.

The TORCH OF REASON, the Liberal paper published at Silverton, has entered its second year of existence. Silverton is the home of the only Liberal University in the world.—[Ashland Town Talk.

Dr. A. A. Leonard, of Huntington, Oregon, will be in Silverton next week, where he will locate permanently and engage in the practice of medicine. We welcome him here and wish him all the success possible. His son will attend the Liberal University.

On the fifth page, of this issue of the TORCH, we print the first of the series of tracts compiled by Eliza Mowry Bliven. If you like them, send us a dollar and receive fifty tracts each month for a year, to distribute among your Christian friends. In that way you can undoubtedly do a great amount of good for the cause of Secularism. The tracts will be on different subjects each month.

What Next?

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I have a book on religion that is new to me. Its title is, "The Mystic Book of God Unsealed, or, The Banished Angels and their Penitentiary," by R. V. Millard, Bishop and Founder of the Church of Redeemed Israel. It is a curiosity to me—a unique scheme, and, from a Christian standpoint, a real good one. It claims that "we'uns" here are the "fallen angels" who were driven out of heaven with the dragon when they had the rebellion up there, and that we are "imprisoned" on the earth (and this whole solar system) until we shall be "redeemed" by Christ (who is Michael, the archangel who fought against the dragon). That God lives in the pleiades, and all the rest of the orbs of the universe are peopled with God's angels. That the "redeemed" of this solar system will return to God in the seven stars when the end comes, but us poor unrepentant fellows will be burned up and annihilated, world, devil and all. You may know about it, but to me it is new, and a curiosity in religious literature. I regard it as a modern improvement on Chris-

tian theology, and I think it will have a run. "Rev." Millard quotes the bible largely in support of his position, and appears to know as much about it as any of them.

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TO THE PROMOTORS OF SCIENTIFIC WISDOM:

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dresses of any other Unbelievers you know in Connecticut."

To carry out this, besides my subscription I buy one dollar's worth (600) of this first tract, and hope to get ten cents worth distributed in each of ten towns. If you want some one to do the same work in your own state, consider yourself the responsible party and do it yourself, or find some one who will. Be sure to send me your address, so I shall know in which states, or parts of states, or even in what little out-of-the-way spot, a start has been made. This will encourage me, and then I may find ways to help you. It will also show me in what states I must continue to look for a starter. If two or more volunteer in the same state, I will let each know of the other, so they can work together.

When I find one child who will come Sundays to be taught, I mean to start a Scientific Sunday School, with the "Candle" and such other helps as I can secure. As soon as I have five members enrolled who favor scientific meetings, enough to each agree to fill one of the five parts, i.e., music, singing, reading a hygienic lesson, a morality lesson, and a lecture, or something instructive enough to answer, I will start scientific Sunday meetings here, for I think what the five can do, though having only fair abilities, will soon draw enough of an audience to make a success of it.

Who will try this plan elsewhere? When quite a number of such meetings have been started the demand for suitable lessons and lectures will bring about a supply. Who will make their own the banner state by enrolling the most members, or distributing the most tracts, or starting the most meetings?

Only two have sent me any helps toward the second tract, which I must soon undertake. Who will send me anything for the third tract during November? For it I think we should choose the most glaring bible contradictions and show by science which side is false, or both, and what is true. The object of this tract is to break down faith in the bible and build up belief in science. Introduce also contradictions between the bible and science.

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If all Christians would read all bibles, there would be fewer Christians and more Secularists.

LITTLE POINTS.

No one should have the liberty to do wrong.

The bible makes credulity a virtue and investigation a crime.

The majority should rule, but on account of their carelessness they are often led by an evil minority.

Give us your coat, Christians, or own that some of the teachings of Christ are absurd. See Luke vi., 29-30.

If honest, moral people will now unite they can work a greater miracle than the world has ever witnessed.

Some who claim that "to do good" is the true religion seem to have very foolish ideas in regard to what is good.

According to Genesis I., God made the sun and moon after he made the earth, and trees, and grass. Oh, bible-believer, go to school.

In Christ's time many went about pretending to heal the sick, etc., as he did. Even the circulation of the blood was not then known.

If those who have a poetical picture of Jesus and his disciples in mind could get their real photographs, they might be astounded.

If there is one mistake in the bible, it cannot be of divine origin, and the story of the confusion of tongues is a mistake, according to the best philologists.

The people of Christ's time believed that the earth was the center of the universe, and he didn't tell them any different. Science is the savior of the world.

Instead of trying to make people believe in Jesus, it would do more good, Mr. Preacher, to teach them temperance, honesty, love for their homes, how to study, etc. Why don't you do it?

The Methodist laity of Wisconsin have organized and passed resolutions demanding equal representation with their "spiritual directors" in the conferences. What must the "shepherds" think of their unruly flocks?

A Splendid Lecture.

Miss Kate De Peatt, secretary of the O. S. S. U., and a professor in the Liberal University, addressed a splendid audience at Liberal Hall last Sunday evening. Her subject was "Common Sense", and she handled it in a common sense manner. Her arguments were so fair that even the Christians who were present could not reasonably take offense at what was said.

In answer to the often-asked question, "How could such a colossal structure as Christianity be reared upon a fraud?" she referred to the religion of the Mohammedans, and said it had as many fol-

lowers. She declared that the Christianity of today is vastly different from the old, and asked what caused this change if it was founded on the truth. "Truth can never change." The subject of caste in reference to the clergy was discussed, and she remarked that one of the great evils which beset us today is representation without taxation, meaning the exemption of church property. James A. Garfield's views were given and the audience appealed to, in the name of justice and right, to rectify this great wrong. The position of woman as held by church authorities and the bible was given and she appealed to them to think for themselves instead of clinging to the bible and asking their husbands at home. She said that a true life would be all the consolation one would need in the hour of death and that this life is worth living in spite of the absence of the Christian faith, for, in the language of the Secular poet,

"The world is million-gloried,
Beneath, around, above."

She concluded by contrasting the two religions, Christianity and Secularism, and pleaded with the audience for a practical religion, and begged them to hasten the time when every human being could say, "The world is my country; to do good is my religion."

A Word in Behalf of the Liberal University.

I came from Vale, Oregon, several hundred miles from here, to attend the Liberal University, and I do not regret the step, for, after having attended the University for two weeks, I have made up my mind to stay with it until I complete my education. I have never learned as much in two weeks' time at any school before in my life. I think the plans and methods of teaching are far superior to that of any school I have ever seen. I talked with several different parties, before I left home, about my attending the University, and they said, "Why don't you go to some school you know something about or wait and see if the University amounts to anything?" My answer is this: If everyone says the same thing about the school how will it ever grow and succeed? The best way to help it is to attend the University yourself and to encourage others to do the same. One cannot imagine the work that has been and is being done here, unless he sees it for himself. I was greatly surprised but happy to see the number of interesting and useful books they have in the library. I recommend the Liberal University to all, and advise all who wish to obtain a good education to attend it.

Yours for truth and justice,

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