

NEWS AND NOTES.

A happy New Year.

School reconvenes next Monday, January 3d.

Miss Kate DePeatt has been quite seriously ill the past week, but is much improved now.

We are pleased to see our former teacher, Miss Wolf, who is at home for the holidays.

The program at the Y. P. S. S. C. meeting last Thursday evening is claimed to have been one of the best of the season.

Send us ten cents and receive 50 tracts, "Can Sins be Forgiven?" and distribute them among your Christian friends.

We are very sorry to announce that on account of sickness there will be no meeting at Liberal Hall next Sunday evening.

We have a good supply of back numbers of the tracts of Scientific Wisdom and subscriptions can begin with the first number if desired.

Miss Gertrude Milliorn is spending the holidays at her home in Junction City, after which she will return to her studies at the Liberal University.

Next week's Torch will contain something interesting from Eliza Mowry Bliven, and Bohemian Evening No. 5, by C. Elton Blanchard.

Many of our readers who are renewing their subscriptions are availing themselves of the opportunity to include a few dollars for the University fund. This is what we like and we hope others will follow the example.

We are glad to receive so many subscriptions for the Little Candle, and hope the list will soon reach the one thousand mark, for then the paper will be enlarged and otherwise improved. The price is so exceedingly low that the Little Candle ought to be placed in the hands of every child in the country.

A good program was rendered at the regular Sunday night meeting last Sunday evening. Mr. Geer delivered a short address on the Ethical Basis, and Mrs. Hosmer read a paper entitled, "Is Life Worth Living?" These with the recitations, music, etc., made the evening pass very pleasantly and profitably.

Tract No. 1 of Scientific Wisdom came in good play at Pontiac, Ill. Mr. John Holman distributed a large number through the town shortly after a Methodist divine had been discovered to be too intimate with some of the sisters of his flock. These tracts are bound to

do a vast amount of good if properly used, and we hope that the subscription list will grow.

The Christmas entertainment at Liberal Hall Friday evening was a great success. The program was one of the best ever rendered on such an occasion and the audience was highly pleased. The following program was rendered: Chorus by the Children; Recitation, Kreta Hicks; Song, Quartette; Recitation, Lora Ames; Lena's Dream, Children; Recitation, Winnie Whitlock; Address, Kate DePeatt; Cantata, The Changes of a Night, Children; Vocal Solo, A. W. Flint; Christmas stocking; Distribution of presents.

He Thanked God.

Louisville, Dec. 28.—Patrick Kelly, a hardwood finisher, who for over a year has been dumb, suddenly recovered the use of speech yesterday during a fit of anger. He was greatly surprised to find himself talking and changed his words from curses to a fervent "thank God" He was formerly employed at Winnington, Del., and it was while cursing one of the bosses that his voice failed him.—[Ex.

It is a good plan to look for a thing where you lose it, and this man lost his speech while swearing and found it while swearing. It is strange that God should strike a man dumb for swearing and then give him his voice a year after so he could swear again. P. W. G.

On the Right Track.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I have been looking for the pencil mark on my paper for a long time and found it on the last number. Enclosed please find money order for two dollars, for which please continue my Torch for another year and apply the balance on the University fund. I wish I was situated so that I could help you a little more, but perhaps in the future I will be better fixed and can do better by you. I think you are on the right track now, and if you will just keep on as you are going I am sure you will succeed in the end, even if success does come a little slow.

Yours very truly,

M. OTIS.

Gallant Torch.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

A friend of mine has been kind enough to send me a copy of your gallant Torch, and I herewith forward my subscription and also forward you two little efforts of my own at helping along the grand work you are engaged in. Wishing you every possible success, I am,

Yours always,

GEO. N. HILL.

LITTLE POINTS.

The pope knows no more about a god than does an ape.

A government cannot be Christian, but it can be secular.

Secularists know more about the bible than most Christians do.

The chief aim of all true education is the formation of moral character.

If there is a loving god, he is either limited in power or will save all men from hell.

How happy redeemed parents will be, especially preachers, to hear the cries of their wayward sons in hell.

Christians, don't send away your money to heathen lands. Use it to convert us and keep it in circulation at home.

One of the most wicked things in the world is the preachers' pretended knowledge of supernatural things.

A fifteen-year-old student of the Liberal University knows more than all the priests, prophets and kings of Chsist's time.

We have two years in which to get ready for the campaign of the twentieth century. Let's work lively. Freethinkers.

If the ministers of the gospel (?) of Jesus Christ knew how flat their prayers and ravings sound to well-informed people they would be more careful.

Instead of punishing men for not serving God, God (if there is one) ought to be punished for not serving the people better. We need something better than a crucifixion.

When we learn that "free moral agency" is a humbug, and that inheritance and environments make people what they are, we have love and sympathy for everyone. If we love only those who love us, what more do we than those who do not understand the truth? Even some of the Christians love each other.

Christians should convert us heathen. We don't receive kind words, religious instruction or anything; not even prayers that seem to give us any change of heart. And yet we are open to conviction, and would be pleased to talk with any or all Christians on any subject they might choose.

Says the Christian Intelligencer: "The Bible has no place in its benediction for the Christian who does not pay his debts." The man who pays his debts only because he thinks that God desires him to do so, has no conception of morality. He acts as he does, simply because he fears divine displeasure; and his conduct is precisely on a level with that of the schoolboy who is good merely out of regard for the master's rod. Thus Christian morality is no morality.—[Investigator.

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