

by that sublime sentiment, "The end of a good life is rest." Humanity is saved.

Secularists, do you realize that time is still plodding on and that moments lost are forever wasted? When Evolution lay wounded and bleeding at the feet of Superstition, noble men and fearless women hastened to the rescue and gave their lives that Science might live. Can we not at least take our stand in the ranks of Freedom? Progress must be, and let us graciously submit to the inevitable and lend a helping hand. Let us organize and leave to posterity the richest of all legacies—a world of freedom, science and right—a paradise here.

KATE DEPEATT.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Slaman Means Business.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Enclosed please find draft for \$3.75 for which send the paper to the five names enclosed. I hold subject to your order \$50, which I will turn over just as soon as you raise \$2,000 more from any other source, for the University fund, providing you do so within three months. This is not a high mark to shoot at, and if other Liberals intend to do anything for our cause they should see the above amount secured. Truly yours,

A. SLAMAN, M. D.

The doctor is undoubtedly right. "Now is the accepted time." Spring will soon be here and we must lose no time in getting our building under way so as to be sure and have it ready for the fall term of '98. Our greatest need right now is the new building where every thing will be more convenient and where we can better accommodate our increasing numbers. Two thousand dollars is not much if we all do what we can and it will help us wonderfully. With that amount we can enclose our building, and by that time Mr. Mosier's plan will bring in the other three thousand dollars, making the five thousand dollars in all, which will put our work right on its feet. Who'll be the next to follow Slaman?

This Time from Michigan.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I see in the TORCH of January 6, friend Mosier's proposition for raising a fund of \$5000, to be made up by one hundred contributors giving \$50 each, to be paid when the one hundred donors are obtained, for the purpose of erecting a building for the Liberal University at Silverton, Oregon. In this I heartily concur, and now wish to be num-

bered among the one hundred donors to this most worthy object. Put me down for \$50.

Liberals ought to take hold of this matter right along, for I believe institutions of this kind would help the Freethought cause more than anything yet suggested.

Yours truly,

R. C. BURTIS.

Inherited Tendencies.

The Methodist protracted meeting which has been dragging its uninteresting length along here for a month, came to a close Sunday night. While the local preacher and his conferees were pounding away at the citadel of sin, it appears that the said preacher's son, a lad of fifteen (gentle spring-time), and his conferees were surreptitiously procuring the chickens of a "pillar" of his father's church, and roasting them by fires made in the woods. The boy's love for roasted pullet was inherited and therefore natural, and may be he grew impatient at the long drawn out bombardment of sinners, and became fearful that there wouldn't be chickens enough to go around. However that may be they were caught last Sunday, and—sensation!

The preacher's son and one companion attempted to board the train that night but were stopped, and the Reverend's offspring was next day consigned to the reform school. There are four or five others probably as deserving of the reformatory as the Reverend's son, and may be sent up yet. But now the leader is put away, maybe the others will reform by themselves. Comment is unnecessary. Let us pass the hat for the African mission fund, after which the Reverend will pray for the conversion of Turner sinners generally and especially for that old incorrigible,

F. S. MATTESON.

Freethought Sayings.

If you do good, you are good.

Lots of people are pious because they do not know any better.

If prayers were answered God would never get another opportunity to rest.

The world could get along without God better than it could without nails.

If nothing is impossible with God we wish he would send us his photograph.

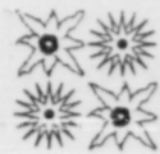
The minister who cares more for truth than for Christianity will not get a big salary for preaching.

There is only one thing that the real orthodox Christian contemplates with more satisfaction than his own salvation, and that is the damnation of those who do not believe as he does.—[Investigator.]

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