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91 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the ninety-one?

NEWS AND NOTES.

Texas at Liberal Hall Saturday evening.

Did you read the offer on the third page?

The electric bell is a great help in our school work.

A class of ten passed the final examination in physiology last week.

The new song books arrived this week and the members of the singing class are happy.

Captain Wolfard's side in the Y. P. S. S. C. gives the first program in the contest this term, Friday evening.

The great historical drama, Texas will be given at Liberal Hall Saturday evening in behalf of the Silverton Marine Band. Don't miss it.

Tract No. 4. of Scientific Wisdom is now ready for distribution. Send in your order for what you want, and distribute them among your friends and neighbors.

The mock trial at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Thursday evening was quite interesting and instructive besides affording much amusement. It was highly enjoyed by all present.

Is there a pencil mark across the notice on the editorial page of your TORCH this issue? If so we hope you will write to us that you want the paper to continue coming to your address so that you will not miss any numbers.

Now is the opportunity for two bright young people to earn their way to the Liberal University. Do you want to be one of them? If so read the offer on the third page, and then go to work and see how many subscribers you can get for us.

The editor of Current Thought offers to send his paper for one year, free of charge, to all who will write to him for it and enclose the names and addresses of ten Liberal people and two 2cent stamps to defray the cost of postage. It is sup-

posed that you will remain a subscriber if the paper pleases you.

Ninety-one more people with fifty dollars each will build and equip the Liberal University. Don't you want to be one of them? Remember Mr. Mosier's words: "This must go with a rnsn."

Secularists, would you not like to have some letter heads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 for 250, or \$2.50 for 500 post paid. Let the people know where you stand.

Scientific Wisdom.

CONTINUED FROM FIFTH PAGE.

There is no future life; when we die, that is all. Death simply means a dreamless sleep, from which we never wake. Our bodies decay and go to make up the elements which compose the earth.

LEONA ALLEN.

Belief or disbelief in a thing does not prove or disprove its existence. We know that we now exist and that we shall, in course of time, cease to exist as mortal beings on this earth, and there our knowledge ends. If there be a life beyond, no traveller thereto has ever returned, that we know of, to prove its existence. The negative of this question has the best of the argument.

W. F. B.

Progress, civilization, reason, all oppose the idea of a future life. This myth was born of ignorance and fear, and will die where knowledge and wisdom live. There is as much proof that we will climb a bean stalk after death as that we will ascend, descend or transcend to a place of bliss or misery.

J. E. HOSMER.

Christianity offers eternal misery on the one hand and eternal bliss on the other as the only conditions of future life. Sympathy revolts at such conditions and reason teaches their impossibility. I would not willingly accept joy at the hand of a monster who would tear from me and damn to eternal pain those I love. Give me annihilation.

J. H. MORRIS.

Happiness and misery are comparative terms. If death ends all misery, so must it end all happiness, consequently there can be no Heaven nor Hell. There is nothing terrible in the thought that death ends all; it means endless peace and rest. That is annihilation. Are we sure that death does not give to us all there is of worth to life? If we were condemned to live forever love might vanish from the earth—we cannot tell.

P. W. GEER.

What Our Friends Say.

B. L. Hjermstad, Ohio:—"I like your paper best of all, and Grace Gruber's poems are gems. I think Mrs. Bliven's plan is a very good one and hope it will meet with the success it deserves.

Geo. N. Hill, Mass:—"By all means continue the 'Bohemian Evenings.' They are far too good to lose, being instructive and interesting to a high degree."

Rev. Old Mortality:—"We would be much gratified to have you continue the 'Bohemian Evenings.' We have become much interested in them."

Secularist:—"I hope the 'Old Doctor' will continue to hold his 'Bohemian Evenings' and send reports of them to the TORCH OF REASON for publication. I have been greatly interested in them. The Little Torches, by W. E. Johnson, are fine. Let us have more of them.

Paine's Birthday in Iowa.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

About thirty-five Liberals gathered at the home of Mr. E. B. Moffitt, on the evening of Jan. 29, to celebrate the anniversary of Thomas Paine's birth. Mr. Steiner, of Des Moines, delivered the oration in a masterly style. He reviewed the life of Paine, his services to the United States, England, and France, and proved beyond a doubt that, let his enemies say what they will, the "Author Hero" is entitled to much credit for the influence he wielded against George III and contemporaneous tyrants. He reviewed the "Age of Reason", and although Paine differed in many respects from the Liberals of today, the arguments he produced against the bible are substantially the same as those advanced by higher critics of this age. Whether Paine was intemperate or not, does not affect the logic of his writings. The farm and burial place of Paine was graphically described by the speaker, who has visited that memorable spot at New Rochelle.

The remainder of the program consisted of music, recitations, and reviews. The meeting was enjoyed by all, and many signified their desire to meet on similar occasions in the future. TIM KATING.

John Linn, a nurse in an insane asylum in Oakland, Cal., killed his wife the other day, and claims the act was according to God's order.

An apostate is more admirable than a saint, for he is more willing to test the accuracy of his convictions.—[Sydney Holmes.

If the time men and women have spent reading the bible had been devoted to studying science there would now be light where there is darkness.—[Ex.

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