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**89** more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the eighty-nine?

**NEWS AND NOTES.**

How can we get a good microscope for the school?

Some of the students are working hard for another final.

Several new students will enter the Liberal University in the near future.

The editor and the business manager spent last Friday in Portland.

Mr. Jones, of Portland book-store fame, made the school a present of six books this week.

Our school has a larger attendance now than it has had at any other time during its history.

Our business manager was called again to take part in another drama at Mt. Angel Tuesday evening.

One of the best books received this week for the library is Robert Elsmere. Mrs. A. DePeatt is the donor.

The students of the history class improved the holiday, Washington's birthday, by taking a good review.

We made a fine addition to our library this week, and we are glad the young people take such an interest in reading good books.

A party, consisting of a number of the faculty and students, gave Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Allen a little surprise Monday evening.

The Sunday school last Sunday was one of the best in its history. We have motto cards now, and the best of it is, the mottoes mean something. The students all enjoyed a treat of pop-corn balls after the school was out. Visitors welcome.

Rev. Wilbur Johnson, of Brooklyn, Conn., has published a four-page tract, entitled, "Unscientific Unwisdom, or Some Mistakes of Mrs. E. M. Bliven and the Liberal University Co. Corrected." He criticizes Tract No. 1, "Can Sins be Forgiven?" This shows that the tracts are receiving attention and

are bound to do a vast amount of good. Let us go to work with renewed energy and distribute them everywhere.

The gymnasium boys have put in a spring board and in other ways improved the gym. Look out for an athletic entertainment sometime in the near future.

Next week we will publish a symposium on Immortality for Mrs. Bliven's use in writing tracts. We have several short articles for that purpose and hope to receive many more before we go to press next week. Let your article be short—not more than fifty words.

Remember if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 1. This will only cost you a few minutes work and a two cent stamp.

**Must Have His Toddy.**

Rev. Joseph T. Smith, D. D., ex-Moderator of the General Assembly, pastor emeritus of the Central Presbyterian church of Baltimore etc., has balked. He has got his back up and it won't come down. Since pastor Smith has become pastor emeritus, the active pastor has been using unfermented wine at the communion services of the church. Last week the pastor emeritus returned to his work, during the absence of the working preacher. He found that grape juice was being used at the communion instead of bug juice and accordingly waxed exceeding wroth. He did not propose to dish up the communion feast unless the good old "crather" was in evidence. So angry was the preacher when deprived of his communion toddy that he refused to take any part in the service, unless he was supplied with his grog. Accordingly, another preacher had to be secured to officiate. The congregation had progressed far enough toward Free-thought to decline to serve drinks with a religious ceremony. If Rev. Smith, D. D. must have his toddy, he should go to the corner saloon where all the old soakers wander.

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Jesus is reported as saying, "I have overcome the world," but it seems to be overcome and overrun by devilish meanness after nineteen hundred years of Christianity.

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.

**LITTLE POINTS.**

He who wants friends must be friendly.

Keep the main principles of Secularism in view.

Never expect to be forgiven for a slight offence by one who has done you a great injury.

Some, claiming to be Freethinkers, let little whims prevent them from advancing great principles.

Everything possible with God? He can't make a two-year old colt in a minute, for if he made him in a minute he wouldn't be two years old. See?

The servant of Jesus smote the high priest's servant and cut off his ear. If the servants who were with Jesus were not taught better manners, how can you expect his children who have never seen or heard him talk, to "turn the other cheek also"?

During the great reformation, while the Catholics were urging their members to stand fast in the doctrine, protestants were doing just what Secularists are doing now. They were selling pamphlets showing the errors of the Church. One of these books contained sixty pictures (cartoons) of the priests cardinals, etc. and their description in verse. Under one of the pictures were these lines:

Greedy priests, see, roll in gold,  
 Forgetful of the humble Jesu.

Under another:

We forbid you to behold  
 The Bible, lest it should mislead you!

And under a third:

We can fast and pray the harder  
 With an overflowing larder.

**Latest War News.**

In official circles it is no longer denied that the Spanish-American situation is very grave indeed. The court of inquiry is now at the scene of the Maine wreck, but their discoveries are kept profoundly secret. The federal government is actively engaged in preparations of a momentous character. The most significant action has been an order telegraphed to captain Chester, of the cruiser Cincinnati, to proceed with his ship and the gunboat Castine from Para, Brazil, and Barbadoes. Quite as significant is the order to the commander of the Norfolk navy yard to have the monitor Terror ready for sea within two days. It has been determined to distribute the armored ships along the South Atlantic coast as fast as they become available. Lee, the American minister at Havana, has advised American citizens to remove their families to American territory. The Spanish warship Viscaya has been recalled from New York harbor.

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