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A Friend will give... 50
provided that

87 more men (or women) will give the same amount. Where are the eighty-seven?

NEWS AND NOTES.

Fruit trees are in blossom in Silverton.

Miss Alma Hicks is back in school again.

These are very busy times for the workers in the University.

Miss Lillian Johnson's party last Saturday evening was a decided success.

New classes were organized this week in algebra, elocution and general history.

The finishing lumber for the dining hall has been ordered and will soon be on the ground.

Custer Ross entered school this week. He will help part of the time in the printing office.

Tract 5 of Scientific Wisdom will be ready next week. Now is the time to send in your orders.

Two teams will be at work tomorrow hauling stone to complete the foundation of the University building.

The Colorado Herald, a newspaper published at Sagauche, Colo., reprints some of "Old Mortality's" sermons from the TORCH OF REASON.

If you want anything you will do well to address the Information Bureau, Box 100, Silverton, Ore. Notice their ad. on page 6, and their want column on this page.

Another man has told us to put him down for fifty dollars this week and requests us to put him in as "a friend". This is the third who has made this request. We are sorry we cannot mention their names, but we will accept their help just the same.

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.

The Little Candle is a splendid missionary tract. It shows the people what we teach in our Sunday Schools. Can't you distribute some? We will send you fifty for twenty-five cents, or fifteen for ten cents.

FREE! Until April 1, we will mail, free of charge, a copy of Uncle Sam's Homilies on Finance to each person sending us one dollar for the TORCH OF REASON for one year. Speak to your friends about it and see if they will subscribe.

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.

Big Bible Stories, is the title of a very interesting book by W. H. Bach, of Lily Dale, N. Y. Mr. Bach describes such miraculous events as the rain of quails, the exodus, the creation, etc., in a way that is bound to set the Christians to thinking, if they will only read them. This book ought to meet with a large sale. It contains 134 pages, and is neatly bound in cloth. We will mail it postpaid to our readers for fifty cents a copy, or will give a copy with a year's subscription to the TORCH OF REASON for \$1.25.

Among our liberal offers this week, don't overlook the one on page 3. If you do not get enough subscribers to the TORCH OF REASON to entitle you to one of the premiums, we will allow you twenty-five cents on each subscription you take. Send us in what subscribers you can, at one dollar a year, stating that you wish to enter the contest, and we will keep an account of all you send, and if you fail to get the prize, we will return to you twenty-five cents for every dollar sent us. Now is the time to begin. You can at least make good wages and greatly assist the cause.

An old Yorkshire woman being much distressed at the sudden loss of her only son, the dissenting minister assured her consolingly, He is now with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. "That's the worst of it," she sobbed. "And he always was so shy among strangers."

A clergyman happened to pass a boy weeping bitterly, halted, and asked: "What is the matter, my little fellow?" The boy replied: "We could hardly get enough to eat before, and now there's another come!" "Hush your mourning, and wipe off those tears," said the clergyman, "and remember that God never sends mouths without he sends victuals to put into them" "I know that," said the boy, "but all the mouths come to our house, and all the victuals to your house."

LITTLE POINTS.

Is there anything worse than a lie?

Secularists, not having a savior to save them from sin, better not sin.

A Freethinker's lie is fully as bad as a Christian lie.

The greatest robber in the world is he who prevents children from gaining in knowledge.

Secularists should fight the good fight of reason (not faith) and hold on to this life (not eternal life) by contracting good habits.

Salvation is not of the Jews, but of the Secularists. No one can bring salvation to the people whose mind is continually on gods, angels, heaven, etc.

When people drop their superstition and learn the love for mankind which comes with a knowledge of the causes of our strength and weaknesses, then and only then are they Secularists.

The "good book" says, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they be of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world." We are obeying the scriptures in trying every spirit.

Some make the mistake of thinking that "One world at a time" means that we believe in gratifying our every pleasure at the expense of future misery. This is not so. We should so act as to bring ourselves and others the most permanent happiness.

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IS THERE ANYTHING YOU WANT? If so, make your wants known to us, and we will try and supply them. If what we do for you is worth nothing to you, we will expect no pay. Cast your eye over the list, and then write to us. Read our ad. on page 6. Address, INFORMATION BUREAU, Box 100. SILVERTON, ORE.

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