

WORK FOR VACATION.

If we had money enough we would at once begin building, but we have not, and so we are obliged to "labor and wait." Mr. Geer has gone east, where he will work for our school among the scattered forces of Freethought in the great cities of this "Christian nation"; and Louis Rauch, Charles Page (two Liberal University students), Mrs. Hosmer and her spouse, ye editor, will start in a few days for the O. S. S. U. convention, to be held at Dayville, Ore., May 10, 11 and 12. We will go on our bicycles, stopping at each city, town and school-house to preach the glad tidings of Secularism, the only gospel that will ever bring "peace on earth and good will to men." We will be able to give quite an entertainment, as Mr. Rauch, Mr. Page and Mrs. Hosmer are all quite musical and full of fun, and if we tell our little story, as Susan Wixon says, "in the simplest way" and tell what we do know, we believe we may do much good for our school and for the great, glorious cause of Secularism, which is now sweeping everything before it and will some day be the religion of all humanity.

The Standard of Morality.

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ence, must ever change the horizon of belief," and that, with the change of belief, there must come a change in the character of the activities demanded by it. In the nature of things there can be no absolute and invariable rule which will establish, once for all, the bounds of moral conduct, and show what specific acts are right and what are wrong. All that can be wisely done is to inculcate moral principles, and leave man, guided by his own reason and conscience as they are enlightened by increasing knowledge and "the garnered wisdom of experience," to judge for himself what specific acts are in accord with those principles, and, therefore, right.—[Medical Brief.

Proverbial.

Idleness buries a man alive.

It is more trouble to do ill than to do well.

A great good was never got by little pains.

He who knows nothing is confident of everything.

When a ship is sunk, everybody knows how she could have been saved.

It is seldom that meanness of disposition is found associated with high mental attainments.

Some people waste so much time that it makes them tired, and the remainder is required for rest.

Abroad.

BY P. W. GEER.

I am "abroad" again. Last year I took the hurricane deck of a bicycle, and during the summer I traveled a little over two thousand miles. This year I decided to take cabin passage on railroad trains, and at this writing have traveled more than two thousand miles. It is easier and a great deal faster than cycling, and, of course, somewhat more expensive.

I left Silverton Wednesday noon, April 26th, and arrived in Portland in the evening of the same day. I called on the Bailey family and spent a very pleasant evening. All, excepting George, had been out to a dance the night before and showed the loss of sleep. George is a policeman on the night force and evidently doesn't sleep much on his beat, for he sponds most of the day in bed. I always have a fine time at Bailey's. Their ways and ideas suit me; their beds and board suit me pretty well, too.

Thursday morning I spent some time among the railroad offices, and finally decided to try an eastern trip over the Great Northern. At 11 o'clock p. m. Officer O'Bailey got me aboard the train for Seattle, Washington, and I enjoyed the trip in my dreams, awaking next morning in Tacoma. About 8 o'clock we arrived in the city of Seattle, where I put in the rest of the day writing, seeing the city and visiting friends. I found my friend, Charles Vaughan, at M. Seller & Co.'s store and enjoyed a few moment's talk. He directed me to his home, where I found Mrs. Vaughan, with whom I enjoyed a very pleasant visit. They live quite a distance from the main part of the city, and it is a delightful ride on the cable car over the hills of Seattle to their home near Lake Washington. Miss Kathie came home from school at noon, and she has grown almost beyond recognition. Kathie is a remarkably bright girl and is doing nicely at school. She expects to enter the high school next year, and is making an exceptionally good record for one of her age. She has not been hampered by superstitious folly, and was one of the most interesting members of my class in Secular Sunday school in Portland a few years ago. Mrs. Vaughan is a woman who has always thought for herself. She is a subscriber for the Torch of Reason now, and we are glad to welcome her as such. I found some other friends in the city and enjoyed my stay in Seattle until 4:30 o'clock p. m., when the Great Northern train started on its trip of 1823 miles across the country. I went aboard for a three days' and nights' journey and succeeded in finding a pleasant traveling companion. Mr. Harry Love-

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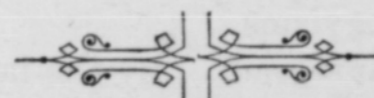
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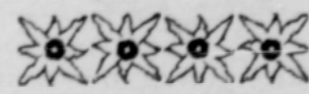
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