

CORRESPONDENCE.

"A Grand Institution."

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

I send in this letter money to renew my subscription to the Torch. I must have the Torch. Words are inadequate to express how much I would miss it should anything happen to prevent my taking it. If some of the people here could have their way, I would stop taking it immediately. But, "thank the Lord," they haven't it in their power to do so. Some of them talk about me because I take Liberal papers, but my mind is so absorbed in Liberalism that I forget almost everything else except my own business. I wish I could do more for the Liberal University. It doesn't lie in my power just now to do anything only in a small way, and unless ALL would do something, a little from a few will not accomplish much. I know it is a grand institution, and no matter how much some oppose it, every sensible, reasonable, unbiased mind who opposes the Bible is bound to believe it to be a good thing. It is so inconsistent for any one to oppose the Bible and then turn around and oppose an institution that would destroy all the bad teachings of the Bible. We do not want that which is good destroyed; we want only the bad destroyed, and I am pleased to declare that I believe the Liberal University to be one of the grandest institutions on earth and that they who oppose it (some of them) will live to see your untiring efforts crowned with success. Though I am old, I hope to live to see it myself, and only wish I could go and live near it and help to do something to forward the grand movement. I do sincerely hope the ultimate outcome of all your efforts will meet with success.

Sincerely,

MRS. R. A. BELL.

Waskom, Texas, May 22, 1899.

The Advance of Science.

To us, in the latter years of the nineteenth century, it is apt to seem strange that the recognition of science as an essential element in all education should have come so late in the world's history, but reflection shows that it could not well have been otherwise. To view and examine any subject scientifically involves not only a deliberate and prolonged mental effort, but the holding in check some of the most active propensities of the human mind, such as imagination and what Bagehot has called "the emotion of belief." In a certain sense, imagination is the precursor of science; but in the early stages of human development the precursor

is mistaken for the true teacher. The lesson that there is no royal road to truth, nothing but a high-way on which much wearisome plodding must be done, is one which human nature in general does not take to kindly. Even in the present day, how many there are who chafe at the restraints which science imposes on belief, whose disposition is to break her bonds asunder and have none of her reproof! When we think, indeed, of what the intellectual condition of the world is today, with the wonders which science has wrought raising their testimony on every hand, it is hardly surprising that, a couple of centuries ago, it was difficult to get any systematic provision made for the teaching of science. However, that battle has been fought and won, and science has long since definitely entered on her career of beneficent conquest. Systems founded on imagination, or on merely abstract reasoning, come and go, wax and wane; but the empire of science once set up can never be subverted. We must hope that some day it will rule in the realm of morals as now it does in that of material things. Not till then will its perfect work be done.—[Popular Science.

LOCALS.

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Convention Program.

Following is the program for the convention at Dayville, Ore., which opens on the 10th:

Saturday, 2:30 p. m., Lecture by Dr. J. L. York—"Our Religion"; 7:30 p. m., Lecture by Prof. J. E. Hosmer—"The Real Enemies of Freethought." Sunday, 10:00 a. m., Unveiling of monument at the grave of Miss Frankie Snyder, and Address by Miss Kate DePeatt; 2:30 p. m., Paper by Mrs. M. P. Hosmer—"The Need of a Liberal Education"; 7:30 p. m., Lecture by Dr. J. L. York—"Science and Theology." Monday will be devoted to business meeting; 7:30 p. m., Lecture by Miss Kate DePeatt—"Sweet Bells are Jangling out of Tune." The convention will close with a grand ball.

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads 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.

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Information Bureau

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.

\$3000.—Three lots and buildings, consisting of a 2½-story hotel, a saloon building, a blacksmith shop, two dwelling houses and a barn, situated in Oswego, Oregon. Would trade for other property. 15

Dairy and Fruit Farms.—A dairy farm of 36 acres, good alfalfa land, and fruit farm of 80 acres, 10 acres grapes, 2 acres peaches and other fruit, good house and barns and other outbuildings. All situated in San Diego county, Calif. Will sell cheap or trade for a stock farm. 16

To Trade.—Twenty-two acre fruit farm, 8 miles south of Salem, Ore.; 4 acres bearing orchard, mostly winter apples, 2 acres strawberries, new wire fence, good house and barn, plenty of pasture, excellent water, and timber enough for wood. Would like to trade for a larger place. 17

Agents.—Agents wanted to sell the Forstner Auger Bit. Money can be made. Send 60c for sample, or \$2.60 for full set packed in neat box. 13

80 acres.—About four miles from Silverton; small, unfinished house; about 5 acres cleared; \$600. Better see it. 11

or Sale.—A fine little house in Silverton, with one acre of land, for only \$285. "First come, first served." 4

For Sale.—A fine little home in Silverton—½-acre; apples, prunes, raspberries, cherries, pears; neat little house, painted and papered; good sidewalk. Price, \$450. 3

Secularists Wanted.—Secularists who are thoroughly interested in the cause are wanted to help build up a Secular community near Silverton, Oregon. It is thought best that each member of the community own a little home of his or her own, which can very easily be obtained. Write to us. 10

Real Estate for Sale.—80 acres, house and barn, good orchard, all fenced, 8 miles from Silverton, near school, 35 acres improved, on main road. Price \$800. 5

Twenty acres; 15 acres improved, all fenced, good spring, 1½ miles from Silverton. Price \$700. 6

One hundred and sixty acres; 12 acres cleared, 6 miles from Silverton. Price \$300. 11

Dairy Farm.—480 acres of deeded land, 80 acres in meadow and balance grain hay land, pasture, etc. A good stream of water runs through the farm the year round. Also 320 acres of timber culture and homestead which can be proved up on for \$200. Good house, dairy with utensils for making cheese and butter, smokehouse, blacksmith shop and tools, and large, new barn to hold 50 head of cows, 50 calves and 100 tons of hay. Good well at house and barn. This fine dairy farm is located in one of the finest little valleys in Eastern Oregon. The owner finds ready market for all his cheese and butter at high prices, and has made enough money at the business so that he can afford to retire. He wishes to locate in Silverton and educate his children in the Liberal University. He offers all this for only \$3000—one-half down and balance on easy terms; also 130 head of cattle and some hogs will be sold very cheap for cash. Address the Information Bureau, Silverton, Ore. 13

Teacher.—A gentleman, 40 years of age, residing in Missouri, desires to move to Oregon if he can get a position as teacher or find some congenial work. He has excellent recommendations and has had very successful experience in the school room. 19