

tive, and we all were unanimous in deciding that it is grander and more beautiful than any we had seen in crossing the continent.

The train was loaded with young lady missionaries going to China. I don't blame the heathens for eating missionaries, if they are like these, for they all looked good enough to be eaten. I asked one of them if they were never told of Christ, and she answered that she supposed God would not be cruel enough to condemn them to eternal torment on account of their ignorance. I then informed her that she had better be careful or she would send a few thousand poor souls to hell, for not one in ten would accept her doctrine, and for that reason would be damned, while if she and other missionaries will stay away, the people they try to convert will all go to heaven through the ignorance-is-bliss proposition. She said that God had told her to go; and she would not reason about the matter. I told her I was of the opinion that it was the devil who had talked to her and told her to go, for surely God wouldn't send a nice girl like her to be eaten by the cannibals, whom she would surely send to hell by her teachings. "I am of the opinion that the devil is talking to me now," she remarked, and turned and looked out of the window. I decided that I had played the devil without knowing it, and just then the brakeman said: "Portland—Union depot—all out!"

Friendly Letters.

Our business manager, on his return from the East, received many letters commendatory of our plan of work for the present and future. The following are extracts from some of them:

DEAR FRIEND:—

I send you some clippings that may be of some interest to you. Glad to see you arrived home in good shape and that everything is coming so nicely in regard to the University. It is indeed the grandest undertaking in the history of our cause, and it seems that Free-thinkers at last begin to see it in that light.

B. L. HJERMSTAD.

DEAR FRIEND:—

In regard to the Liberal University, I am glad you succeeded as well as you did, and I will do all that I can to help it along by taking ten shares of stock. Enclosed find \$100 in payment for the same. I think Mrs. Bliwen's idea in regard to writing Sunday school lessons an excellent one. Sunday schools are what we need to instruct the young in Secular ideas, as the children of Freethinkers, if they have no other place to go on Sunday, are apt to attend the church Sunday schools, where their

minds are soon filled with superstition. Wishing you success,

Very sincerely,
F. A. B.

MY DEAR FREETHOUGHT FRIEND:—

I congratulate you on the success of your mission across country in behalf of the Liberal University. You are working on business principles and must prosper. I want to be with you by next year and help on the undertaking with all the power I have, and I could do so in more ways than one. The Liberal University should be the headquarters for Freethought work and Oregon made a Freethought state, as it now has the lead in Liberalism. Liberals—real ones, from the East, ought to go there in force, and they will if informed of the openings there to do and get good for both body and mind.

Yours truly,
JOHN P. GUILD.

DEAR LIBERAL FRIEND:—

I like the Sunday school lesson idea of Eliza Mowry Bliven, as per Torch of August 24th. I will do anything I can to help it along, and I am very well pleased, indeed, with the prospects of the school. The lines upon which you are working, as far as I know, suit my idea to a T. The school, museum, the Sunday school, the library are the agencies that work for Freethought and the higher civilization. May they grow and multiply until they cover the whole earth.

Young people have now something better before them than those did who are now ready to step down and out. I hope they will improve their better opportunities.

Respectfully,
F. S. MATTESON.

MY DEAR SIR:—

"All things come to him who learns to labor and to wait" must be the motto of your enterprise under which you and your associates are working. I also commend your efforts as intelligent ones. One may work as hard as he pleases, and should this be tread-mill work, work without superior mentality behind it, nothing will come of it.

When the chosen work is great and worthy, when the enterprise in which you engage depend upon building a certain public favor, especially when opposition and prejudice must be overcome, then must you have greater persistence, tact and skill.

Possibly a little later I can write you as to methods of greater co-operation, to our mutual advantage.

Trusting you have had continued business and social success in your pilgrimage, I am

Your hearty well wisher,
C. ELTON BLANCHARD.

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DR. W. H. COOK.