

To The Freethinkers of America.

The twenty-third Annual Congress of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation will be held in Boston, Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th. For the first time in the history of the society a Congress is to be held in New England. Paine Hall has been tendered for the occasion and Boston Freethinkers will do all in their power to make it a notable gathering. The success of the coming Congress is assured.

While the results of the present year have not been all that could be desired, the society has accomplished much good. Thousands of pamphlets and papers advocating the principles of Freethought have been distributed. Documents relating to state Secularization have been sent to members of Congress and State Legislators.

In California, Montana and other states, legislation inimical to religious liberty have been defeated. In several states bills for the repeal or modification of the Sunday laws were introduced and found many supporters. In Nebraska a bill providing for the taxation of church property was passed by the House. The society is preparing for more effective work in this field. In nearly every state committees have been appointed to look after legislation and other matters of interest to the society. In every state, a bill for the taxation of church property, the repeal of the Sunday laws, or the prohibition of religious teaching in the public schools, should be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. The Union is now in a condition to render efficient aid in this work and all efforts for that or similar purposes should be reported to the secretary, so as to receive the support and aid of this national organization.

The further organization of the Liberals in every state will be prominently brought before the Congress, and representatives from every section of our country are necessary to make this union of the friends of intellectual liberty effective, both for our own defense and the furtherance of the cause they have at heart.

Let every Eastern Freethinker attend this Congress. Let as many as possible of our Western friends attend. Able speakers will address the Congress, inspiring music will be furnished and good fellowship will abound. With the roses of joy will be mingled the rue of grief. Since we last met two of our Presidents have died our great and beloved leader, Col. Ingersoll, and our able and worthy brother, Dr. Westbrook. Arrangements have already been made for an Ingersoll Memorial meeting to occupy one session of the Congress.

The expenses attending a great

National Convention are large. To meet these expenses we shall rely as heretofore upon the generosity of our Liberal friends. Contributions for the purpose should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Otto Wettstein, Rochelle, Ill.; to the Secretary, E. C. Reichwald, 141 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill.; or to the Editor of this paper.

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or of some one form alone. It has been maintained by several authors that it is as easy to believe in the creation of a million beings as of one; but Maupertuis' philosophical axiom of "least action" leads the mind more willingly to admit the smaller number; and certainly we ought not to believe that innumerable beings within each great class have been created with plain, but deceptive, marks of descent from a single parent.—[Origin of Species.

The North Star s Three Suns.

The news from Lick Observatory that the North Star, 255,000,000,000 of miles away from us, has been found to be not one star, but three—swinging around in great orbits, like the moon, earth and sun—is another remarkable result of the application of photospectroscopy to the telescopic study of the heavens. Always fascinating, the search for double and multiple stars has become of the highest interest since the spectroscope has made it possible to discover multiple stars, which the greatest telescopes do not reveal to the eye. The three components of Polaris can not be seen with the most powerful telescope in the world. The Lick star spectroscopy, attached to the great 36 inch refractor, makes it plain that there are suns revolving about a sun where the eye distinguishes but one twinkling light.

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