

## Coming Events.

Friday, Dec. 8.—Fall Term of the Liberal University closes. Y. P. S. S. C. Supper in the evening, given by Captain Mosmer and crew.

Saturday, 3:00 P. M., Dec. 9.—Woman's Social Science Club meets at the home of Miss Rauch. Subject, What Shall We Read?

Sunday Evening, Dec. 10.—Dr. A. A. Leonard lectures before the Thought Exchange. Subject, Is Phrenology a Science?

Monday, Dec. 11.—New term begins at Liberal University.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Examinations this week.

Next Monday begins a new term in the L. U. O.

Miss Wolf, our music and elocution teacher, is in Portland for a few days.

Messrs Chas. Howell and Owen Wolfard entered the Liberal University Monday.

"Is Phrenology a Science?" Attend the Thought Exchange Sunday evening and see.

Hon. T. W. Davenport has presented the University with a splendid globe, for which we are truly thankful.

There's music in the air now at the University. The L. U. O. orchestra and band are practicing at every opportunity.

The Liberals of Silverton will celebrate Christmas at Liberal Hall Sunday evening, Dec. 24th. The programme will be announced later.

The carpenters and plasterers improved the time during the Thanksgiving vacation, and the study room now presents a brighter appearance. The new blackboards will soon be ready.

Dr. A. A. Leonard will lecture before the Silverton Thought Exchange next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock. His subject, "Is Phrenology a Science?" is an interesting one and will undoubtedly be well handled by the doctor.

The Silverton Woman's Social Science Club had a very pleasant meeting at the home of Mrs. Davenport Saturday afternoon. The next meeting will be held at the home of Miss Rauch, and the subject will be, "What shall we read?"

Helen H. Gardener, in a private letter, expresses her admiration for the Liberal University and informs us that she has sent her writings to the L. U. O. Miss Gardener is one of our best Freethought writers and her books will be a valuable addition to the library.

We gratefully acknowledge receipt of the Youth's Companion calendar for 1900, which is unique in form and beautiful in design. The oval centerpiece, in high colors and inclosed in a border of flowers, represents "A Dream of Summer", and is supported on either side by an admirably executed figure piece in delicate tints. The whole is delightful in sentiment and in general effect. This is indeed a work

of art and is quite entitled to be the last calendar of the century.

Mrs. Clara Bailey, of Portland, who has visited with us the past week, left for Salem Tuesday. Before leaving she gave the students a farewell talk which was very appropriate and eagerly listened to by all. We were sorry to have our friend leave, and we hope she will make her visits more numerous in the future.

The opera on Thanksgiving evening was a very pleasant affair and all participants performed their parts well. A large audience was present and the gross receipts were \$60. Enough was realized to pay for the new steel range for the dining hall. The social dance after the opera was well patronized and very enjoyable.

Prof. Wakeman's Thanksgiving sermon at Liberal Hall Sunday afternoon was well received, as usual. The address will be printed in the Torch of Reason in the near future, so that all may have the opportunity of reading it, which will be the next best thing to hearing Prof. Wakeman deliver it in his easy, thoughtful, earnest manner.

A splendid crowd was out Friday evening to witness the last program for the term in the Y. P. S. S. C. Captain Preston and her workers did exceedingly well and the first footing up shows that they won the race by over six hundred points, which entitles them to free entertainment and supper at the hands of the losing side. Next Friday night has been set for the payment of the debt. A social dance will be indulged in at Liberal Hall, after which supper will be served. This is all free to members of the society. Non-members may enjoy the dance and supper for the small sum of 25 cents.

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## Pleasure in Well Doing.

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ation of the important work you have undertaken, and are assurances of your capabilities for giving the undertaking complete and permanent success.

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CHAS. K. TENNEY.

Madison, Wis., Nov. 27.

## "A Good Reasoner."

Dear Friend, T. B. Wakeman:

I am favored with the Torch of Reason, and as my name was suggested by you as a subscriber permit me to pay one year's subscription through you. I find it is a good reasoner and published by Liberal people too. I like your eulogy on Ingersoll, it is full of thought. It honored Ingersoll and told how the true Liberal should act and teach the doctrine of Ingersoll, and how to be constructive while old fables are being destroyed.

You really demonstrated that people must practice what they preach, and organize and build schools and sustain them as you are now doing.

What a grand thing it is to know that there is one school in the land free from superstition. I find the Liberal people all endorse it. I hope you will succeed.

Your friend,

C. J. CURTIS.

Bradford, Pa.

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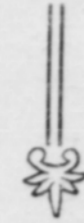
My friends, the Wakemans, kindly sent me a copy of your paper, with your editorial notice so headed. I wish to congratulate you upon so well understanding the family after a short acquaintance. You could not have better expressed their ability and worth if you had known them for many years.

I hope your university will obtain such liberal endowments as will make it possible for you to keep "the Wakemans," and make them comfortable and happy. Such people can not be kept by any institution that does not know their great value. They have left a void behind them, but as they chose to go we wish them success there.

From

AN OLD FRIEND AND ADMIRER OF "THE WAKEMANS".

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