

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Spring Term in the Liberal University commenced Monday with a good attendance.

Dr. Leonard, being called out of town last Sunday evening, could not give his address before the Thought Exchange, but will appear next Sunday promptly at 7:30 p. m. Do not be late.

The Chicago Liberal Society meets every Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. in Corinthian Hall, 17th floor of the Masonic Temple. A general invitation is given to all to attend when in Chicago.

Mr. Frederic Uhlig, of Stuttgart, Arkansas, writes to know of some place where he can find employment as a teacher in a public school. He is a Liberal and has good references. If in need of a good teacher write him.

Mr. Otto Wettstein, the Liberal jeweler, in a letter to a Silverton friend, says: "Yes, the Liberal University is bound to be a great success. I consider Mr. Wakeman the best thinker and educator in the U. S. Success to the Freethought school!"

You should send 15 cents to H. L. Green, Chicago, Ill., and get a copy of the March number of the Freethought Magazine and learn all about the Chicago Liberal Society. Besides this you will get other valuable reading matter worth ten times the amount you spend.

We are in receipt of a shipment of Mrs. Turner's book, which is taking so well among our readers. We hope this supply will not last long and that we shall have to order again soon. They will be sent to any address for 25 cents each. You ought to own one.

April 12th, 1900, is Donation day for the Freethought Magazine, 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago. We hope friend Green will receive "showers of blessings" on that day and that his income on that day will pay the deficiency for a whole year. Do your best, dear reader.

Frank and Harry Brown, who have been with us the past two terms, left for their home in Eastern Oregon last Monday where they go to assist their father in his spring work. Students and teachers are very sorry to have the boys go, but hope to see them with us again next year.

Captain Davenport and her crew at the Y. P. S. C. last Friday evening gave an excellent program, the last of the term, and when all the points were counted it was found that Captain Geer and his crew were 171 points behind. This defeat had been predicted by Captain Geer, and he promptly surrendered. The winning side will be entertained and fed at the losing

side's expense next Friday evening at Liberal Hall. Outsiders will be admitted for ten cents each, as usual. Dance tickets for gentlemen, fifteen cents extra. No free admission tickets will be given.

Mr. Garth, who, in an article last week, advocated the idea of each member of the Torch family donating one day's work a month for six months, is practicing what he preaches by sending in his day's work for February in cash. We hope the other members of the family will act on his suggestion, for the work needs to be done.

Mr. Geo. B. Wheeler of Chicago writes: "The two shares of stock in the Liberal University which I have been able to purchase with my savings for the last two or three months I shall prize very highly. . . . The Torch is up-to-date and I would feel lonesome without it. I hope you will succeed in getting 100,000 subscribers this year."

Eliza Mowry Bliven writes that she hopes to be able, physically and otherwise, to complete some more of those valuable tracts of Scientific Wisdom soon. That is good news. People are just beginning to realize that her work is along the right line. Mrs. Bliven also sends us a dollar to help along the cause. She knows just what it takes to make the University succeed.

The April number of the Freethought Magazine is just out and is one of the best yet. It gives the particulars of the new Chicago Liberal Society conducted by T. B. Gregory, D. D., who has left the Universalist church for the broad field of Liberalism. The Literary and Editorial Departments of the Magazine are excellent. Every Liberal ought to subscribe for this able journal. It is published by H. L. Green, 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago, and is only a dollar a year. We give it and the Torch of Reason a year for \$1.50.

"Green" Goods.

Brother H. L. Green, who edits that valuable monthly periodical at 213 E. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill., known as the Freethought Magazine, never tires of saying good things about our work and encouraging others to help the cause along. We hope all of our subscribers will take the Freethought Magazine. The March number contains the following notes concerning the L. U. O. and its promoters:

L. P. Maxam writes in a private letter: "I am pleased that our Silverton Liberal University is prospering. I have sent Pearl W. Geer \$10 towards the 'Ingersoll Chair'. May many more go and do likewise; also remember the Ingersoll monument at Peoria."

Persons who desire to keep

posted on the doings of the Liberal University should subscribe for the Torch of Reason, the organ of that University. It is one of the ablest Liberal journals published. It is an eight-page weekly, at the low price of \$1 a year, published at Silverton, Ore.

We are glad to notice that one of our esteemed Freethought contemporaries that did not, at first, indorse the Liberal University has become convinced of its utility.

The accounts of the Liberal meetings connected with the Liberal University, as reported in the Torch of Reason, are very interesting reading and are worth five times the cost of that journal.

No better man could have been found for general agent for the new University at Silverton, Ore., than Pearl W. Geer. He is an able, bright, energetic young man, who comprehends his duty and fully performs it.

Prof. Wakeman is exchanging "pulpits" with the Christian ministers near Silverton, which is another evidence that the Liberal University is located in the right place.

Silverton Thought Exchange.

There was one thing gloriously proved last Sunday night: That is, that the Thought Exchange can never fail. The old Jupiter Pluvius, the oldest theologian, has been trying most of the winter to drown it out, but the rain was such a failure that he is now giving that up. His successors, the Modern Theologians of various sects in Silverton, also tried their "boycott," but, on the average, the Exchange has twice the Sunday night audience that they have. But last Sunday it looked just as though the Theologs, old and new, had the best of it, for Dr. Leonard, who was to speak on "What to do with and for the young people of Silverton?" was called away just at the nick of time by an "imperative visitation of Providence." This did look as though "that Providence" had the Exchange at last! The audience came, but no speaker. President Brewer passed the word, and in less time than it takes to tell, he had three "Professors" and sundry others on hand with "sermons for the occasion." It was decided not to touch the subject of the evening, but to save Prof. Leonard and his lecture all fresh for next week.

Prof. J. K. Buff, as the oldest resident Professor, took the precedence and the platform on "What is mind, pre-natal, during life, and 'post mortem,' that is, after life." The lecturer took hold of his subject from the scientific point of view. Mind was never "breathed" into any body or any thing. It began with life in each individual and grew up and exhibited its powers as the growth advanced, and reached its flower and acme as the power and triumph of our lives. There was nothing really great in man or life but mind.

That was the foundation and cause of all greatness. Every effort must be made to secure and perfect its highest evolution and culture. Do you ask whence it comes? Do we not see its prophecy in nature? Even in the material or inorganic world? What means that wonderful CHOICE of atoms in crystalization and chemical affinity? Then, in the organized world of protoplasm, plants and animals, what means the constant acting union of elements which we call life; and in the higher animals, conscious reaction begins and we call that the first stages of mind? Then in man the reaction becomes condensed in what we call SELF, and then its actions are controlled by will for our own purposes, growth and welfare. Human life itself is but the proper use and expenditure of that mental power for ourselves and others. The lecturer then went into the ways and means of developing and making the most of that power and how to secure its highest benefits. Well, we can't give ALL that lecture. You missed very much if not there. And you missed it, too, in not hearing what the other "Professors," Hosmer, Wakeman and Mrs. Martin, had to say in discussion, and you missed the choir music and solo.

Prof. Buff surprised everybody. His townsmen were not aware of the strength and learning, as well as the independence, they had with them in this man. It took the Thought Exchange to discover that, as it will many other good things that have never yet been developed in Silverton. We are glad, and yet a little sorry, to hear that Prof. Buff has a "call" to resume his profession as a Teacher. Glad, because it puts him where he can do the most good. Sorry that he must leave Silverton for a time, though his accomplished family of wife and daughters will remain with us. May success go with him!

Next Sunday let all be on hand to give Dr. Leonard an ovation and learn what he can prescribe for his curious "Patients," the young people of Silverton.

Remember, if you send us the names and addresses of 25 of your Liberal friends and acquaintances, we will make you a present of a copy of the Torch of Reason Song Book No. 2. This will only cost you a few minutes' work and a two-cent stamp.



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