

Six Tracts to Promote  
**Scientific  
Wisdom**



In Place of Christianity:

- 1 Can Sins be Forgiven?
- 2 Does Christianity or Science Promote Civilization?
- 3 Is Religion or Science More Reliable?
- 4 Evolution and Comparison of Religions.
- 5 Does Belief in Miracles Benefit?
- 6 Immortality or Annihilation?

**JUST THE THING**

to hand to your Christian friends. Send 2 cents for 6, or 6 cents for 25 tracts, to ELIZA MOWRY BLIVEN, Brooklyn, Conn., or send 10 cents for 50, either kind or assorted kinds, to

**THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY CO.,**  
Silvertion Oregon

**RIGHT  
LIVING**

... IS A BOOK OF ...

**Sixty  
Excellent  
Chapters**

On the following and kindred Subjects:

- Self Control
- Self Respect
- What is Morality?
- What is Ignorance
- Fraud a Crime
- Habit, 2nd Nature
- Politeness
- Wisdom
- Etc., etc., etc.

One of these chapters is Worth more to Young and old than the Price of the book.

... IT SHOULD BE IN ...

**EVERY HOME!**

Send \$1.00 and receive a neatly cloth-bound copy, post paid.

**AGENTS WANTED.**

—ADDRESS—

**Torch of Reason**  
SILVERTON OREGON.

**Wanted—A New Religion.**

We are in receipt of the following letter from an able teacher, who lost his position in a prominent state agricultural college on account of his religious and political beliefs:

"We were not reinstated, nor will they pay us for the last three months of last year nor our contracts for this year. They are the most cunning and audacious rascals I ever encountered. It looks as though we shall have to wait over a year until after the next legislature meets, and if they are of the same opinions and beliefs, it is improbable that it will be voted. What are we coming to? There is distinctly a decline in morals in these recent years. It is due to a decline of any and all religious belief. The old is effete and gone. Its influence on conduct is nil. Nothing new has been clearly formulated to take its place as a ground for moral sanctions. The negation has gone on faster than the reconstruction. This is dangerous to the nations of 'Christendom.' 'No nation ever outlived its religion,' said August Comte. It lies with those who see the way to get a new one ready. You people, with your Torch of Reason, should be a power for construction. Formulate, formulate, formulate! Tell the people what you believe; never mind what you don't. Superstition and skepticism can only be supplanted by facts, and the definite, doctrinal statements must be made for most people.

"Physical Science, Higher Criticism, Ingersoll and his school have done all the negating necessary. The world is in positively grave danger now from indifferent attitudes in morals, etc. Another hundred years will witness the beginning of another lapse in civilization unless the so-called Liberals are able to reconstruct faith in a truer sense and preach it effectively. We must not deny; we must affirm. We must show ourselves of the higher spirit, we must exhibit the real good will while we urge it upon others. This, Liberals as a class do not do. We have been polemic, sarcastic, negative, bitter. We never convert in this way. We destroy, but we do not enthuse. There must be a genuine revival of religion. You know what I mean. We must state our confidence in the Universe, in Law, in Humanity. We must make it simple; we must make it effective. We have burnt down the old; now we must build before the people get so they prefer the woods of barbarism."

A descriptive catalogue of all the best Freethought works free on application to Dellquest & Andrews, Secular Booksellers, El Paso, Texas.

Are you acquainted with the merits of the Forstner auger bit?

**Spring of 1900 is Up and a Coming**

Our Big Shipment of Spring Shoes has Arrived. Tan Shoes will be the Correct Style for Spring Wear. See our Assortment in



**BABIES' CHILDREN'S MISSES' LADIES' GENTS'**



At Silvertion's Largest and Busiest Store.

**Dreyer & Craig.**

STRICTLY ONE PRICE

PRODUCE TAKEN

TORCH OF REASON . . . .

**Song  
Book**

No. 2.

"Truth bears the Torch in the search For Truth."

SILVERTON, OREGON:  
LIBERAL UNIVERSITY PRESS  
1899

PRICE TEN CENTS.

**Our Job Department**

—ALWAYS GIVES—

**... Satisfaction**

—BECAUSE IT GIVES—

HONEST STOCK, FINEST INK AND EXCELLENT WORKMANSHIP

**"LIVE QUESTIONS"**

BY EX-GOV. JOHN P. ALTGELD.  
**A BOOK FOR THE PEOPLE**

CONTAINS ALL THE FAMOUS SPEECHES, LETTERS, MESSAGES AND ESSAYS OF THE AUTHOR. EVERY ISSUE OF NATIONAL IMPORTANCE AND POPULAR INTEREST EARNESTLY CONSIDERED.

TRUSTS, MONOPOLIES, GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP, CIVIL SERVICE, TAXATION, MONEY QUESTION, TARIFF, EDUCATION, ELECTION FRAUDS, STRIKES, LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, IMPERIALISM AND A HUNDRED OTHER TOPICS DISCUSSED.

HANDSOME LIBRARY EDITION, 1,000 PAGES, SUBSTANTIAL CLOTH, POSTPAID, \$2.50

Geo. S. Bowen & Son, Unity Bldg., Chicago.

Agents wanted everywhere. Write for terms.

50 YEARS' EXPERIENCE

**PATENTS**

TRADE MARKS  
DESIGNS  
COPYRIGHTS &c.

Anyone sending a sketch and description may quickly ascertain our opinion free whether an invention is probably patentable. Communications strictly confidential. Handbook on Patents sent free. Oldest agency for securing patents. Patents taken through Munn & Co. receive special notice, without charge, in the

**Scientific American.**  
A handsomely illustrated weekly. Largest circulation of any scientific journal. Terms, \$3 a year; four months, \$1. Sold by all newsdealers.  
**MUNN & Co., 361 Broadway, New York**  
Branch Office 626 F St., Washington, D. C.