

NEWS AND NOTES.

Our musician, Prof. Cooley, is with us again.

The late examinations showed some excellent work. Labor Omnia Vincit.

An extra good program is expected at the Y. P. S. S. C. next Friday evening.

Every subscriber get one new one. This will double our subscriptions and divide the work.

Mr. Geer is meeting with many friends in the East and our work this year is sure to be a great success.

The Silvertown Improvement and Entertainment Society is awake and the results which are bound to follow their efforts will astonish us all.

New classes are organized in the Liberal University at any time. This gives students a chance to enter at any period of the year without loss of time.

The subject at the Thought Exchange is Electricity for next Sunday evening. Percy Brown, a man who is well known as a practical electrician, is the speaker.

Any of our old subscribers receiving a copy of the Torch marked "Sample Copy" need not be offended but pass it on to some one they think will be interested.

The L. U. O. does not graduate a student in any branch until he has the requisite amount of knowledge. This puts a premium on intelligence and careful, accurate work.

The Woman's Social Science Club will meet Saturday, April 7th, at 3 p. m. at the residence of Mrs. Lou Ames. The subject will be "The History of Oregon." The paper will be given by Mrs. Ames.

The Blackbird Pie and the posing at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening, as well as the dance which followed, were excellent. These Friday evenings will be long remembered as bright spots in the lives of our students, teachers and friends.

A thousand extra copies of this issue go out all over the world to make more friends for the L. U. O. We hope all receiving copies will carefully examine them and, if their consciences approve our work, they will subscribe and get others to do the same.

The notice in last week's issue concerning the donations of our English friends would be better understood as follows: Mr. George Anderson, £5; Mr. Alfred Marsh, £3; Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh, 10s.; Mr. Thomas Allsop, £1; Mr. Robert Applegarth, 10s.; Mr. J. M. Gunson, £1; Mr. Arthur Gimton, £1; Mr. Sidney Gimton, £1.

Mrs. M. W. Barnhouse, of Caleb, Oregon, sends us a \$10 donation this week with the kindest of words and encouragement for our "good cause".

Our regular school work will close May 4 this year. This will give us more time to get our building finished and to prepare for a grand campaign next year. Our school will close with a large number of enthusiastic students who will bring many others with them next year.

Silvertown Thought Exchange.

Sunday, April 1, the April showers were on hand with a profusion of blossoms and the promise of a hopeful season. So "the New Hope" was the subject of Prof. Wakeman's lecture. This lecture followed up "The New Life," which was a lecture delivered at Salem, both of which were founded upon "Our New World," the lecture in exposition of the new astronomy of Copernicus, Bruno and Galileo. As this "New Hope" lecture will be printed in the Torch in due time it will not be anticipated by present report. Next Sunday Mr. P. L. Brown will give a lecture upon "Electricity and its Applications." It will be interesting and instructive beyond measure and all should be on hand. X. Y. Z.

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Chicago Liberal Society.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

The Chicago Liberal Society had a good meeting today (March 25). Dr. Gregory gave one of his characteristic lectures on "A Substitute for a Church God; or, Can a Rationalist Worship?" Mr. Gregory defined a Rationalist as "one who in the final analysis tests all things by reason." "Belief," he said, "is a question of fact." He defined God as an idea of power, wisdom, goodness and justice, and said, "All that God is theoretically, Nature is in fact".

Mr. Gregory is a decided optimist. He claims that there is more good than evil in Nature. If there was not, we would all perish.

One pleasing feature of the Liberal Society is that more sociability is manifested than in the old Secular Union of this city. Time is taken each Sunday after the lecture to shake hands, chat and get acquainted. Freethinkers are thus brought into more intimate relationship and are in a better posi-

tion to assert their rights when it becomes necessary.

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Travels.

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for the future prosperity of the Magazine and the Græns are hopeful and cheerful. The paper is indeed a credit to the Freethought cause and ought to be read by every Freethinker. April 12th is "Donation Day" for the Freethought Magazine and I hope that all who read this will remember Mr. Green with a donation to assist in the summer's work or a subscription to the Magazine. Let the money roll in at 213 E. Indiana St. on that day and give the world to understand that Freethought is still alive.

E. C. and W. G. Reichwald are still at the old stand on South Water Street, where Freethinkers are always welcome. The walls of the room are covered with pictures of the leading Freethinkers and Freethought journals are on the tables. It is through this office that the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation does its work, and secretary Reichwald is always on the alert for class legislation of various kinds. He kills the Sunday laws and prohibits the Bible from being read in the public schools.

I spent several nights at the home of Mr. E. C. Reichwald, where I had pleasant visits with Mrs. Reichwald and Miss Josie. Mr. R. is a jolly, fun-loving man, and one cannot help enjoying the hospitality of his wife and daughter. The maidenhair fern I sent from Oregon is growing nicely and Mrs. Reichwald is very proud of it.

Sunday I had the pleasure of a visit with Mrs. Bones, who was on her way from Yankton, S. Dakota, to Washington, D. C., to join her husband who has been appointed to a government position. Mrs. Bones is an enthusiastic Liberal and an interesting conversationalist. She has been quite prominently connected with the Woman's Suffrage movement in the past. Her son Tommy, who accompanies her, is a very bright lad whom it is a pleasure to meet.

During my stay in Chicago I attended two meetings of the Chicago Liberal Society and heard Dr. Gregory deliver some well prepared lectures, which are indeed interesting; and if the society continues to work along the lines adopted, there is an opportunity for it to do a vast amount of good in Chicago. The work corresponds exactly with the plan of the Oregon Secular churches. I am glad to see it begun and hope it will continue.

At the first meeting I attended Dr. Gregory was kind enough to invite me to make a few remarks on the work of the Liberal University. I spoke for ten minutes

on the aims and objects of the school, and received much encouragement from the members present. I wish all the Liberals of Chicago would attend these meetings. They are held each Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, in Corinthian Hall, 17th floor of the Masonic Temple. Dr. Gregory was at one time a Universalist but has now stepped out on to the broad platform of Liberalism. He says that in a world of nature there is no room for prayer nor God.

I am in Omaha at this writing, but I saw and did too much in Chicago to tell it all in this letter. We will have the rest in my next. After visiting Kansas and Missouri I will go farther east until I reach the great Atlantic.

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