

Travels.

BY PEARL W. GEER.

One night in Chicago was very pleasantly spent with Geo. B. Wheeler, at his home on the north side. Mr. Wheeler is a very enthusiastic worker in the Liberal cause and a stockholder in the Liberal University. He takes a very deep interest in the above named institution and all other Liberal work, both constructive and iconoclastic. He is an active member of the Chicago Liberal Society, which meets at Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple, every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mrs. Wheeler is a Christian, and hopes to reach heaven by the "river road." She is a Baptist. She is an exceedingly bright woman and I hope her husband will succeed in converting her to the Religion of Humanity. Two bright children, a boy and a girl, make up the rest of the Wheeler family, and it is a pleasure to meet them all.

My next night was spent at the home of Mr. Beattie, on the west side. His mother and brother are as well and Liberal as ever. Mr. Beattie's two boys are at home now and I am quite favorably impressed with them. I hope they will be able to receive their education in the Liberal University. I am always "at home" at Beattie's, and leaving there seems like leaving home. Mr. Beattie does a great deal of writing for the daily papers, where he administers good doses of Liberalism to those troubled with theological dyspepsia.

I found Mr. and Mrs. Wallace at their rooms on West Madison St., where I had a splendid visit for a couple of hours. Mrs. Wallace is a composer of music and was kind enough to make me a present of three of her songs, which I shall be pleased to hear someone sing, but no one would be pleased to hear me sing these or any other songs. Mr. and Mrs. Wallace are very intelligent people whom it is a pleasure to meet. Mr. Wallace is the author of some very good Liberal tracts, the manuscript of which he gave me. It will appear in tract form in time.

Mr. Dahlstrom is still proprietor of the Antiquarian Book Store, 43 E. Van Buren Street, where he has on hand a good supply of Liberal books and literature. I was surprised to learn that Mr. Dahlstrom is a married man now, and I was pleased to meet Mrs. Dahlstrom, who shares her husband's views and assists him in the store. Mr. Dahlstrom takes a lively interest in all constructive Liberalism, and he is an active member of the Chicago Liberal Society, and a stockholder in the Liberal University. Both institutions get his hearty support.

Mr. Gammage is still to be found in his law office on Dearborn Street, and he is as busy as ever. I am

pleased to note that his interest in the Liberal University is as deep as ever; in fact a little more so. We went to visit the Medical College of which Mr. Gammage is president, and I am very favorably impressed with the workings and teachings of this institution. The natural advantages of Chicago and the able professors in the college make this an ideal institution for anyone who is desirous of getting a medical education.

Dr. Greer is one of the owners and professors of this college and is known to all Liberals. I had some splendid visits with him in his office on Dearborn Street. The doctor is always ready to aid the Liberal cause and the L. U. O.

One night was very pleasantly spent at the home of Mr. R. N. Reeves, assistant editor of the Free-thought Magazine. Mrs. Reeves was at home and accompanied me to the home of Mr. Reeves, Sr., where we met her husband later and spent an enjoyable evening with the two families combined, after which we proceeded to the home of Mr. Reeves, Jr., where I remained for the night. Mr. and Mrs. Reeves are a credit to the Liberal cause and the society in which they move.

I found Prof. Anderson in the Masonic Temple, where I enjoyed a short visit. I found Mrs. Anderson (Miss Moore) in the office of that neat little magazine, Secular Science and Common Sense, of which she is editor, and where she is doing good work for the cause of Humanity.

The Liberal poet, Mr. Isaac Pool, of Melrose Park, called at Mr. Reichwald's office, where we had a good visit and talked over matters concerning the work at Silverton. Mr. Pool ought to be located in Silverton with his flowers and vegetables and poetry. He would be valuable to the L. U. O. plantation, school and print shop.

Judge Waite has just completed his latest book on "Herbert Spencer and his Critics," which promises to be a valuable addition to the literature of the day. It will be announced and fully reviewed in the Torch of Reason in the near future. Judge Waite's work as a Liberal can hardly be estimated. He is a valuable man in any cause in which he is interested, and I am glad to have him manifest such an interest in the Liberal University. I found him in good health and spirits at his home on Loomis Street, where I also had the pleasure of seeing Mrs. Waite, an exceedingly bright woman, whom it is pleasant to meet. The judge and I called at the office of the Progressive Thinker, on the same street, where we had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Francis, the wife of the editor. Mr. Francis was away so we did not get to see him. The Progressive Thinker is

is a warm friend of the Liberal University.

At the office of the Open Court I found Dr. Paul Carus, with whom I felt well acquainted although we never met before. He and Mr. Wakeman are warm friends and mutual admirers, and I don't blame either one of them. There is much to admire in them both. Dr. Carus with his Open Court is doing excellent work for the Religion of Science. The Open Court, though not radically Liberal, is just right

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