

to the whole universe. Yes, we that is the elements of which we are composed, will as far as we know continue in some form to exist forever, and the forces which now produce those complex changes in these elements which we call life will, according to the great law of the conservation of energy, pass into other forms of energy and help to make up the great unlimited, endless chain of natural events.

And, blessed hope, of the altruistic mind, the good we do, the freedom we give, the truths we discover, will live on and on in the race, making us immortal in a higher and less selfish sense than a lover of gods and ghosts has power to see or appreciate.

When we become weary of wars, and crime, and fear, and turn our eyes toward Humanity, instead of toward the brazen serpents which the priests have lifted up in this wilderness of ignorance, our wounds will begin to heal, and no gods nor heavens will be needed, for Justice will reign supreme, and Liberty and Love will crown us lords of all.

For the Torch of Reason.

Impressions.

BY PROF. F. W. HOFFMANN.

Now that another term of the Liberal University is about to close, I take great pleasure in grasping the opportunity to let the many friends of the institution know how one has been impressed with the new environment into which he has happily entered. Although I have been in the little city of Silverton but about two months, I have already felt a sense of refinement of the people that is wanting in most sections. It is an humble patriotism and a frank well-wishing, with a great respect for the rights and opinions of others. Every one joins in the endeavor to bring themselves closer together, and to understand each other even though the mists have not all rolled away.

The little city itself is a model of rustic beauty, nestled 'neath a wing of the Cascades, whose protection from the raging storms it modestly seeks, whilst it gaily sports under the glow of a summer's sun. It is just such a spot that is necessary for the highest development of the students' intellect. Where, after the day's toil and study, one may wander at will over hill and dale or along the marge of clear waters continually and unconsciously imbibing the freshness and savor of Spring. Or if the beauties of day cannot satisfy the restless mind of the student, he may wander at eve along meandering paths, where only a few choice rays from Diana's bow pierce the vernal arcs above to let the modern Romeos and Juliets know that you can't fool her as well as you can Cupid.

We should not then wonder why such an institution as the Liberal University should flourish. It is pleasing to know that it is so favorably situated, but it is still more pleasing to know that the class of pupils which attend are of a quality unsurpassed, both in their ability to know and do, and above all to want to know and do. It is this sense of duty owed, and their recognition of obligation both to themselves and others that makes them the clear conscientious and industrious truthseekers that they are. May they recognize the fact as to how useful they can be in the world and strive to engrave upon their faces the lines which are the mischievous tattlers of the mind that lies beneath. May they thus as they educate themselves in this institution go forth as living signboards proclaiming over all the land the efficiency of the moral, mental and physical training of their Alma Mater. We have not the slightest fear but what they will.

The course of study, although in the embryo state, is the newly born that the sturdy Spartan casts not away. In its character it promises to reach an equal footing with any curriculum in the world.

Facilities for scientific work are yet scarce, but it will only be a matter of time when they can be fully supplied. Already the museum is assuming an adult stage, and with the administration of a few more specimens it will be amply equipped.

It will not do to omit a few lines of praise for those who are striving to make this institution what it should be. The faculty is composed of ambitious workers who are not grasping for self benefits, but living that they may benefit others. Let every one recognize this fact and their work can more easily be appreciated.

Just a few words as to the "Aim of the Institution" and my impressions will be revealed. The aim is undoubtedly the highest that modern civilization has yet wished to attain. This school is free from all dogmas and superstitions, and here each and every one has the unquestioned right to free and unlimited speech, expressing what he or she thinks, and at the same time receiving the unbounded respect of all. There are no restrictions placed upon their beliefs but it is a certain fact that no student can sit within the halls of the L. U. O. for nine months without going out perfectly convinced of the utter absurdity of dogmatic mire.

Today the strong hand of Time is slowly tracing out the indelible lines on the map of the future, that each and every progressive mind must follow, whether he will or not. And the course of Time clearly reveals to the truthseeker the straight and broadened path of Science and Humanity. Mark my word, the founding of this Liberal University is the Dawning of a New Age, and another cycle will herald a new world.

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