

A Short History of the L. U. O.

Read at the Closing Exercises of the Liberal University, Friday, May 4, 1900, by Miss Lora Ames.

The Liberal University is the only school of the kind in the world. It is non-sectarian and Liberal in every sense of the word. The students are taught to view the world as based upon the latest scientific discoveries. Its real object is to get at the truth of things, and through Science only can this be accomplished.

Its teachers have thrown aside the old superstitions of the past and bravely presented the new ideas—those which all will believe in the future—the Religion of Science and Humanity.

Our lives are short at the best, and instead of wasting them in trying to prepare for a better world we should work for this world and its millions of people. It is a very beautiful world if we only make it so; and the people need our help. If they can be taught the truth and gain happiness we have not lived in vain.

The school was opened Jan. 6th, 1896, in Liberal Hall, with an attendance of twenty pupils. It lasted about three months, during which time several more students were added to the list.

The second term, commencing in November 1897 and ending in May, 1898, was taught in a private building on Water St. During the following summer the University land was purchased and the plan of the building made.

The third year of school was held in the dining-hall, which had been fitted up for the purpose, the University building being in course of construction. The attendance was good and a number of students came from a distance. The work done during the year was very satisfactory, and although many difficulties had to be contended with it was a successful one.

During the same year Mr. Geer went east, soliciting help for the University and acquainting people with the work which was being done here. The trip was one not to be regretted, for many became interested in the school and gave it their assistance. A \$5,000 farm in Colorado was donated by Mr. N. F. Griswold, Mrs. Turner gave \$500 in cash, and many other noted Free-thinkers too numerous to mention lent their aid.

Robert G. Ingersoll became very much interested in the school, and had he been able to accomplish his purpose would have done much towards it. Mr. H. L. Green, editor of the Freethought Magazine, has been a faithful and untiring worker in trying to interest people in the undertaking. George Jacob Holyoake, Dr. Foote and many others have done and are doing much

that will contribute to its success.

Mr. Geer was so successful in interesting the people that he had the good fortune to bring the Wakemans home with him, and their help has been valuable indeed.

The term of 1900 was taught in the new building, although it was not yet completed. The roll this year contains the names of 80 students, and the work done by them has been most excellent. Many new classes were formed which added new interest to the work.

Prof. Wakeman delivered a course of lectures on Cosmology, Biology and Sociology, which were very valuable to the students and highly appreciated by all.

The Latin, Greek and German classes have progressed rapidly, and in addition to the graduation of a large number from the preparatory course, classes in Physical Geography, Rhetoric, General History, Book-keeping, Natural Philosophy, Civil Government and English Literature have taken finals.

Miss Wakeman, the teacher in drawing and painting, has good reason to be proud of the progress her students have made. They owe much to her untiring energy and patience in helping them with their work.

Prof. Hoffmann, of California has been a valuable addition to our school. Though a stranger here his work has been such as to command the respect of all. His botany class which was formed last term has progressed rapidly.

A nice little museum, containing Natural History, Geological and Historical specimens, has been started. It also contains a herbarium of several thousand plants, donated by Prof. Hoffmann.

Everything is in a fair way of progress and in time we will have the best school in the world. But as to the future, I will leave that to the prophet.

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