

plan and appointed the above committee, with the addition of Prof. Daniel T. Ames, of Mountain View, Cal., for America. Those interested in this movement may address any member of the committee, the Editor of the *Freethought Magazine*, or the Editor of the *Torch of Reason*.]

From the *Torch of Reason* of Jan. 25, 1900.]

AN INGERSOLL CHAIR.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

In the *Torch of Reason* for Nov. 23 [1899], I read with pleasure the communication of Mr. H. L. Green, of a suggestion that I made to him respecting the foundation of an "Ingersoll Chair" in the Liberal University of Oregon. Monuments, libraries and other memorials of a splendid career, are gratifying and instructive proofs of the public appreciation, which Ingersoll so nobly earned. I disparage none of these proposals; I would assist them all were not the gods so poor that they had little to give me.

But this is one form of distinguished remembrance which has much to commend it. Monuments cannot be seen everywhere, or referred to often, while a Chair in a University educates students in the principles of which Ingersoll was so brilliant an exponent, who in their turn may diffuse them in every land.

I know of no Liberal University in Europe. I was gratified at seeing one announced in your paper; and when I saw Mr. Wakeman's name as one of the Professors, there could be no doubt that the University was Liberal in the best sense. When I read Mr. Underwood's paper in the *Freethought Magazine* commending the University, I doubted not that they could devise the subjects for treatment from the Ingersoll Chair and submit them to the governors of the University.

For the expansion of the Freethought movement, trained lecturers are needed. Every recruit who enters the ranks of Reason means an access of intellectual force and enthusiasm. But force and zeal are like health and valour in the soldier, and are of much more value when trained. Knowledge, daring and courtesy, are the essentials of propagandism, and in these Ingersoll excelled. His wit and imagination are not transferable, but cultivation reveals unknown faculties in the mind which training alone brings.

America abounds in men of fortune and liberal enterprise who would aid in establishing an Ingersoll Chair for the education of Freethought, and Secular advocates would originate new ideas and sustain unfriended truth—the future force of the State. There is no surer or more permanent form of honoring a great advocate or a great orator than by perpetuating the principles to which he devoted his genius and life.

Were not my activity limited by age I should personally devote myself to the prospect of realizing an Ingersoll Chair which the Liberal University has so promptly and gracefully sanctioned. Monuments are memorials, but do not teach principles—a University does. Gibbon's words—"All that is human must retrograde if it do not advance," are true of Freethought.

Very faithfully yours,
GEORGE JACOB HOLYOAKE.
Eastern Lodge, Brighton, Eng.

From the *Torch of Reason* of March 29, 1900.]

WHAT OUR FRIENDS IN ENGLAND ARE DOING FOR THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Emilie Holyoake Marsh, daughter of George Jacob Holyoake, writes to me as follows:

THE INGERSOLL CHAIR.

Editor *Freethought Magazine*:

On the death of Col. Ingersoll, his friends in America wished to perpetuate his memory by some memorial. My father, Mr. George Jacob Holyoake, proposed an Ingersoll chair in the Liberal University of Oregon, the only Freethought University ever established. The intention is the education of the advocates of Freethought. The faculty of the University accepted the proposal, and asked my father to make it known in England. By reason of age and literary work to which he is pledged, he is unable to do all he wished, and has asked me to communicate the project to such persons as might be pleased with the opportunity of expressing their obligations to the splendid services of Col. Ingersoll.

My father has collected the sums appended to this letter. The University values very highly English aid in this matter, as students may go from this country to the Oregon University to take a degree, which will certify their instructed efficiency. Any further subscriptions may be sent to me, or to Mr. Pearl W. Geer, Liberal University, Silverton, Oregon, U. S. A., to whom I shall forward any sums I may receive. Yours faithfully,

EMILIE HOLYOAKE MARSH.

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Mr. George Anderson, London...	5	0
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Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh "	10	
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Mr. Arthur Ginton "	1	0
Mr. Sidney Ginton "	1	0

P. S.—Mr. Anderson has had so much delight reading Col. Ingersoll's orations that he tells my father that if the Ingersoll Chair does not stand well on its legs we are to apply to him (Mr. Anderson) again.

Now let the Liberals of this country follow the good example set by our English friends and make this Ingersoll Chair a great success.

H. L. GREEN.

[In addition to the above, we have received the following short letter, with an enclosed draft for ten dollars:

"Mr. Spencer incloses a small contribution toward the proposed Ingersoll Chair at the Liberal University.

Brighton, Mar. 13, 1900."

The latest news from our kind friends on the other side of our floating island, which we want to convert into such an earthly paradise as the principles which Col. Ingersoll so forcibly advocated will certainly bring, is a very kind letter from Mr. Holyoake, in which he calls for extra copies of the *Torch* and says that as soon as he receives the acknowledgement of the amount already sent he will forward more.

Now, Secularists, let us improve our time. Word is coming from every direction that many new students will be with us next year, and while we have life and energy is the time in which to establish this Ingersoll Chair—to erect this living monument to our great Freethought hero.]

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*Dr. Leonard has consented to take this chair until some one can be found to fill it permanently.

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