

Pearl W. Geer and the Liberal University.

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such an institution as it is proposed to make of the Liberal University at Silverton. If such an institution is to be established, as we have before said, it must be done by Liberals, as no other people will favor it. There are no words that will adequately express the great value such a university would be to the world.

In this work of building up such an institution, every Liberal journal in this country, and also in every other country, ought to be interested, and ought not to publish an issue without calling their readers' special attention to it, and urging upon each and all to aid it to the extent of their power. Our Freethought public lecturers should urge its importance upon every audience they address, and if we have any Freethought millionaires in this country, who have a few thousand dollars that they cannot take to their graves, they can best invest it in bequeathing it, or, what would be much better, giving it before they die to the Liberal University.

The Silverton, Oregon, Liberal University.

BY C. B. WAITE.

We call the attention of our readers to this institution, and to the necessity of giving it a liberal and hearty support. There is every indication that this University has come to stay. It has land and buildings, and is, as we are informed out of debt. It is also well equipped with a corps of professors and teachers. Among these is Prof. Wakeman, whom we best know, and who, though not the President of the Institution, may be said to stand, giant-like, in the center of the group. The other members of the faculty are:

J. Earl Hosmer, President, Superintendent Department of Cosmology, Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Dynamics.

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Minnie P. Hosmer, Superintendent Preparatory Department, History, English Grammar, Botany, Vocal Music.

Pearl W. Geer, Secretary, Business Methods and Correspondence. Freedom W. Hoffmann, Botany, Mathematics.

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M. G. Cooley, Violin and Cornet.

Clara Wakeman, Drawing and Painting.

Louis Rauch, Assistant, Book-keeping Commercial Arithmetic.

Lora Ames, Assistant, Physiology, Hygiene.

Katie Matteson, Librarian.

Prof. Hosmer, Wakeman, Geer, Lecturers on Religion of Science and Humanity.

With Emily L. Wakeman, Matron.

Prof. Wakeman himself is Superintendent of the Department of Sociology and Law, and Professor of General History, Sociology, Law, Linguistics and Ethics.

Thus it will be seen that this is no mere speculation; no mere experiment; no gas-inflated balloon; it is a bona fide institution. It is a fact. And now, since the vessel is afloat, the question is, whether its sails shall be filled with a stiff financial breeze.

Much has been said by Freethinkers, in their Congresses and elsewhere, as to the necessity of efficient, organized action, in order to answer the question, "What will you give the people in its place?"

Here is an opportunity to answer the question. By properly supporting this institution we will give the people, instead of superstition, knowledge. Instead of the old humdrum pulpit nonsense, we will give them a scientific education; and the students will not inquire "what they are taking"; they will know of their own accord. The professors have taken a high position; they will have nothing but science—no sublimated stuff of any sort—no religion of any kind whatever; and if there be any metaphysics it will be administered in doses of the most attenuated potency.

A good many people nowadays are remembering institutions of various kinds in their wills. It is becoming a fad; and a very good fad it is. It is to be hoped that Freethinkers may become infected with the donative virus, and that when they come to shuffle off this mortal coil they will shake some of its adherent pelf into the coffers of the Liberal University. We have already heard of several cases where parties have made up their minds to leave their property, or a large slice of it, to the Freethought cause. But instead of leaving it generally, to be expended at the discretion of trustees, it will be better to be more specific. Leave one portion to the Liberal press, or to such papers as you think most worthy, and another portion to the Liberal University; and if there be any left, still another portion to other workers in the cause.

Moreover, you need not wait until you die. We understand that Secretary Geer is now prowling around the country somewhere for the very purpose of gobbling up any sums of money which may be lying around loose, and which ought to go into the treasury of the university. And you need not be afraid of Mr. Geer. He will see that anything intended for the treasury of the institution will go to the place where it belongs; or you can send it to the treasury yourself.

In case of a will, we do not know whether the devise or bequest should be made to the University direct, or to any individual in trust. On this subject consult with Mr. Geer or correspond with Prof. Wakeman.—[Freethought Magazine.

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