

NEWS AND NOTES.

July 20th is "Donation Day" for the Liberal University.

Prof. Wakeman works in the garden by moonlight these evenings.

Quite a number of new students have informed us of their intention to be with us next term.

Mr. A. Kautz and family arrived in Silverton this week. Mr. Kautz will soon begin work on our building again.

There will be a "Donation Day" ball at Liberal Hall, Friday evening, July 20th, for the benefit of the L. U. O. Everybody come.

A traction engine, a grading machine, several men and some boys worked two days on the bicycle track this week, and have it in fine shape.

Mr. C. N. Young of Scio, Oregon, made us a very pleasant call Saturday. He informs us that his cousin expects to attend the Liberal University this year.

Just as we go to press, the mail brings us two good donations, to be acknowledged on Donation Day, July 20th. One comes from Oregon and the other from Pennsylvania. This is, indeed, encouraging.

Mr. A. E. Mason, wife and two children, from Tillamook, Ore., are visiting relatives and friends in Silverton. Mr. Mason was for one year a member of the L. U. O. faculty, where he did good work and will long be remembered by the students.

Miss Kata Matteson, who has been with us for some time as student and librarian in the Liberal University, departed for Eastern Oregon, Wednesday, where she hopes to get a school for the coming winter. We are sorry to have Kata go and hope to have her with us again soon.

Gen. Wm. Binney, Washington, D. C., in sending a contribution for Donation Day, July 20th, says: "Fight off the 'Giant Despair;' the money for the building will come in time to make your grand enterprise a success." Friends of the L. U. O., let us see that this prophecy comes true.

Mrs. Mattie Barnhouse and Mr. and Mrs. Laughlin and children left for Salem, Wednesday, after a few days' stay at the L. U. O. The Laughlins will soon return to their home in Eastern Oregon, but we expect to see Mrs. Barnhouse again in a week or so. We enjoy these pleasant visits from our friends, as we like to have them see what we are actually doing.

Letters from intending students come from all parts of the United

States, and there is prospect of a large attendance. There will be no trouble in getting students for the L. U. O., and we hope the friends of our institution will help us to increase our facilities for teaching and boarding, so that we can accommodate enough students to pay the running expenses of the school. Donation Day, July 20th, will be a good time to think of this.

Miss Emily Wakeman was thrown from her bicycle last Thursday and suffers from a dislocation of the right ankle and a fracture of the fibula. She is getting along nicely and ventures about the house on crutches. This is a very unfortunate accident, as it deprives Miss Wakeman of much of the pleasure she might have enjoyed while visiting her parents and the many warm friends she has made in Silverton.

A friend from Maine, in a private letter, informs us that he is going to give the L. U. O. five or ten dollars a year, and adds: "I also want to add something to the Ingersoll Chair—a most excellent suggestion and scheme. I like the Torch of Reason and hope to be able to subscribe to it as long as I live. It seems that there ought to be a large number who could annually give \$5.00 to the Liberal University."

The New Life in the New World.

Concluded from 6th page. productive, Industrial Life. The last three hundred years has accomplished more than all of the preceding ages. It was the coming of the New Era, the New World that made all this possible. Liberty, Science and Humanity have done it, not Theology. They gave us the idea of progress, the evolution and continuity of our race, and of its ever-increasing Solidarity. They gave us the conception of Truth, as not a celestial Revelation, but the agreement of our thoughts and concepts with the facts, processes and laws of the world around us. All of these never existed before, they were the new results of the new Astronomy and its new World. The emotions through the Fine Arts have been transformed. Philosophy, through Science, has become a new empire of verified Truth. The Scientific Arts and Industries have harnessed the lightning, solidified the air, and are making a human playground of time and space!

Well, what then remains? Why, the sad confession that the masses of the human race know not that these things have ever happened, and have little or no participation in the benefits resulting. As the astonishing progress of machinery has done little to lessen the toil of man while it has increased the production immeasurably, so those

other great leaps of progress have been taken by and for a few.

These facts indicate clearly and admonish us overwhelmingly that the duty of the hour of those favored few is EXPANSION! Not of the old kingdom and imperialism of heaven or earth, but of the Republic of Man. Expansion, not of the old, silly and limited notions of Yahveh, but of the sublime conception of the Infinite World-God—THE ALL. Expansion of the Christ idea, not of the utterly impossible God, or "Son of Man," of old Palestine, but the modern Human-Christ which is beginning to be, with its emancipated, regenerated and disenthralled man, woman and child—the heirs of the New Hope, of the Altruistic Immortality—the fit and worthy builders of "The Earthly Paradise," which Evolution is already encouraging the intelligent workers to fore-see, fore-feel and enjoy as they toil on, and summon into Being the rising generations, to realize the "Immeasurable Blessings of Conscious Existence."

Form of Devise.

It is not well to defer your beneficence until your life has closed, when it may be defeated. But if there is no better way, include in your will a provision for Liberal and Secular education of the rising generation, in this form:

I give, devise and bequeath unto the Liberal University Company, incorporated under the laws of the State of Oregon for the purpose of operating the Liberal University, situated near the city of Silverton, in said State, the sum of _____ dollars. Or the following described real (or personal) property: _____, for the said company to have, own and enjoy the same absolutely and forever, but to be applied for the benefit and use of said University, pursuant to the terms of its incorporation.

Several parties have informed us of their intention to leave property and money to the Liberal University, and have asked for information in regard to the wording of wills in our favor, and in order that the money and property may go where it is intended, we publish the above form for the instruction of all of our would-be benefactors.

PEARL W. GEER, Sec'y L. U. O.

The Ingersoll Chair.

The amounts subscribed and paid in for the Ingersoll Chair are set forth below. This sum is actually in the hands of our treasurer to be safely invested, the income only to be used.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Total: \$135.40

DONATION DAY FOR THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY.

The Liberal University is in great need of funds, and as a "day of prayer" would be behind the times, we have concluded to appoint July 20, E. M. 300, as a Day of Donation.

We earnestly request every Liberal in America to send us a remittance on that day, if it is no more than twenty-five cents. The name and address of each donor, with the amount given, will be published in the Torch of Reason. "In union there is strength."

Address, J. E. HOSMER, Silverton, Oregon.

A Liberal Offer.

A good friend of the L. U. O. has offered to donate Two Thousand Dollars in cash to our institution if other Freethinkers will raise it to Five Thousand.

Let us fill up the contribution box!

LATER—Mr. R. C. Burtis of Michigan adds one thousand dollars to the above offer. At this rate we will soon be able to go ahead with our building. "A friend who helps quick helps double."

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