

NEWS AND NOTES.

Donation Day ball Friday evening.

Miss Maude Kline, one of our former compositors, is with us again.

Our job work department has been getting out some work to be sent to Iowa this week.

Miss Wakeman is improving quite rapidly and is able to get about on crutches.

The weather in Silverton is dry and warm with a cool breeze blowing from off Mount Hood.

If you have neglected to send in your donation on time, it will be accepted any time after the 20th.

We all expect to have a nice time at the Donation Day ball at Liberal hall Friday evening. All are invited.

The business manager accompanied by Prof. and Mrs. Wakeman spent Sunday in the Waldo hills, visiting, eating cherries and enjoying the scenery.

The fall term in the Liberal University begins Monday, October 1st. The catalogues and announcements will be out as soon as we can get them printed.

Mr. Mason and his family started for Tillamook today, after a week's visit in our midst. Editor and Mrs. Hosmer have accompanied them for a two week's trip to the beach and vicinity on business and pleasure.

Up to the time of going to press, we have received contributions for Donation Day July 20th from 30 persons. The largest amount received from one person is \$25 and the smallest is 25 cents. To all these people and the ones yet to hear from, we are truly thankful. We hope to be able to make a full report next week.

We are in receipt of many letters like the following, which shows the good influence of the Freethought Magazine, Chicago, Ill., in our behalf: "Learning from the July number of the Freethought Magazine, to which I have been a subscriber for nearly four years, that the Liberal University of Silverton, is in need of funds, I enclose \$1 as my contribution, and earnestly hope many others will respond to the call. Yours for liberty in thought, Mrs. C. B. N. CALDWELL, Freeport, Illinois."

Spread the News.

Send 10 cents in silver or stamps to the Liberal Subscription Agency, 128 Locust St., Ottawa, Kas., and receive during the next month copies of all leading Freethought, Liberal and New Thought papers and magazines.

Education Needed.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:

Enclosed find one dollar for the Torch of Reason.

We would like to help you in your endeavors to teach the truth. Our only hope lies with the young and they, poor things, are easily made to see things that are only imaginative or illusions. I know many who are not believers, mostly men, but who don't think it best to bring a Freethought paper into the house and those very same people are not really religious, I mean in obeying the laws of the church. A daughter of one I know was picking up Helen Gardener's "Men, Women and Gods" to read and was told to put it down as it was not fit to read. As she is a woman grown she has a right to read and know the truth and also to see the many sides of all questions.

I hope to have one dollar soon for the building fund.

Yours truly,
Mrs. M. A. REYNOLDS.
Hazelton, Kansas.

Offer Renewed.

Our offer to give a copy of George Jacob Holyoake's English Secularism with a year's subscription to the Torch of Reason for one dollar has met with such a hearty response that we have decided to renew the offer. This book is cloth bound, gilt top, 150 pages and sells for 50 cents. We give it free with a year's subscription to the Torch of Reason or a renewal. We have only a limited number, so order at once.

Our Celestial Neighbors.

We feel inclined to include Prof. Lester F. Ward's last book, "The Outlines of Sociology," as part of the Standard Library, which should be our modern Bible.

Every Liberal ought to have such a collection of books in his house, whether it be two or three, or a dozen or a hundred, and keep himself and his family pretty well acquainted with their contents. The crowning book to go in should be this of Ward's. Why? Because Sociology is the crowning outflow of Science which determines our life; and this book is the best OUTLINE AND EPITOME of that Science. It is the best because the soundest, healthiest and the freest from Theological, Metaphysical and other subjective whim-whams. We delight to print extracts from it on our first page, as we have done; for better Sunday lessons we could not have. Take, for instance, the sample in this Torch, following the extract in our last. In those extracts the solid objective scientific foundation of the world is given:—thus:

Things are as they are, because they could not be any other way

under immutable law and order; but it is idle to imagine that they are, or are not, as they ought to be. It is also idle to imagine that we can, by reflection or intuition or revelation, or in any other way but by EXPERIENCE, find out how they are, or are going to be. The complexity of environments is too great for that; still when we get hold of laws and facts we can foretell, and so forefeel a good stretch of the future.

And so we apply Prof. Ward's showing in the last first page paragraph thus:

The chemical elements, C. H. O. N. P. S. seem to exist in other planetary systems, perhaps in Mars. If the conditions of their chemical combination also exist, Protoplasm must be their result, and its action which is life. But if living protoplasm is there, sentiency must be the result of its reaction against a complex environment. But from varying sentiency, conciousness must result; but from ever-varying conciousness TELESIS, that is the arrangement of means to effect desired results, must ensue. But in such telesis, help of others becomes indispensable; and such help can only come from common benefit; hence sociology must result, but sociology applied is some kind of socialism. But socialism must have communication by the best means, i. e., wireless telegraphy. The Sun Spots are magnetically telegraphed to us swifter than light. How long will it take us or the inhabitants of Mars to do the same?

Thus, when we get down to business in an unbespooked World, we find its progressive stories much like "The House that Jack Built," all resultants of the simplest chemical elements of matter, and all held together by the common heat, light, and electricity, by which we may telegraph to our celestial neighbors—if such there are. T. B. W.

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Freethought badge, to use in correspondence with your friends? We will furnish them to you with your name and address printed on them for 75 cents per hundred, \$1.50 per 250, or \$2.50 for 500, postpaid. Let the people know where you stand

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.

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Geo. N. Hill.....	2.00
Eva Ingersoll Brown.....	50.00
Herbert Spencer.....	10.00
English Friends, acknowledged....	62.40
Benj. Duval.....	1.00
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	\$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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