

NEWS AND NOTES.

Kautz Bros. are cleaning up the University grounds in fine shape.

The fall term of the Liberal University opens Monday, October 1st.

Mr. H. Fowle, of Lewisville, Ore., made us a pleasant call last week.

Our business manager went to Portland Monday, returning Tuesday.

Master Sidney Rogers, our student from Utah, is making himself useful in the Torch office during the vacation.

A nice little shower has cleared the atmosphere, settled the dust and added new life to the gardens in the vicinity of Silverton.

Prof. and Mrs. Wakeman are having a week's outing in Portland and at the seashore. They accompanied their daughters as far as the metropolis.

We have just received a new lot of type, which will be used in printing the Catalogue of the Liberal University. We expect to have them ready by Sept. 1st.

The Torch of Reason is only one dollar a year. If this issue comes to you as a sample copy, you are invited to subscribe and solicit the interest of others.

Hon. J. P. Geer, who has been for the past two years in the Klondike country, spent a few days at the L. U. O. last week, visiting his daughter, Miss Ollie Geer. Mr. Geer is deeply interested in our work.

The name of Gen. Wm. Birney was omitted by mistake from our Donation Day acknowledgements, but appears this week in the Contribution Box. If any other names have been omitted, please let us know.

Miss Emily Wakeman wishes to say through the Torch that she has great love and admiration for Silverton and its charming people, who treated her so kindly during her visit, and were such a comfort during her illness.

This week we print and send out one thousand extra copies of the Torch of Reason. We ask those receiving sample copies to peruse them with care, for this paper is printed in the interest of the Liberal University, the only Freethought school in the world. We will send you a Catalogue of this Institution if you wish it, and let us know your wish.

The Freethought Magazine for August has a picture of the Christian "Boxers" burning Bruno in 1600. This is the best hit we have seen lately. Brother Green is a hard hitter and his Magazine is a credit to our cause. You can get it a year now for only fifty cents, and

we hope every reader of this paper will send that amount to H. L. Green, 213, E. Indiana St., Chicago, Ill., and get twelve issues of the Freethought Magazine during the next twelve months. If you order at once you can have your subscription begin with the August number and get this picture to show to your Christian friends.

Miss Emily Wakeman, of New York City, who has spent the past six weeks in Silverton, visiting her parents and sister at the L. U. O., left for the East last Monday, where she goes to create a principal character part in the new play, "Caleb West." Miss Wakeman made many friends while in Silverton, who are sorry to have her leave and hope for her return next summer. She has a cheerful disposition, and seemed to enjoy her stay with us in spite of what she suffered from the injury received while riding the bicycle. Miss Clara Wakeman accompanied her sister to New York. She will remain there until October, when she will return to her work in the Liberal University at Silverton. We wish the girls a pleasant journey.

The New Spirits and Mythology in the New World.

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mind ("the mighty motion") of human-kind" as "the Atheist" Shelley says it. With this hint, who is there so blind that he cannot understand this glorious phantasy of the new birth and career of the New Spirits in "the New World of Man?" Every word has a meaning as real and deep as it is exquisite. Thus as Shakespeare sings, nothing perishes—

But doth suffer a sea-change Into something rich and strange.

Let no one think that these growths of ideals are merely fanciful and unimportant. The Ideals of a people are their life. The lesson of History and Sociology is that no nation has ever survived its food supplies or its religion. The first are the roots, the latter the leaves and blossoms of its Life Tree; and both are indispensable. But all of the old religions were of the imagination, and are falling before the keen light of reason. How, then, can civilization be saved? Only by bringing the love and social power of the old religions to converge and find its new home in the New World, the New Life, the New Hope of the Religion of Humanity. Thus Science becomes the foundation of the union of the race, reforming, using and absorbing all of the Heavens, Ideals, Religions and Mythologies of the Past as the nourishment and materials of its evolution of a grander Heaven, the ideal of its Future.

Notes From My Travels.

BY MRS. ELIZABETH DAVENPORT.

[CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK.]

June 9.—We took a ride along the Passaic river this afternoon, the placid, tree-fringed Passaic, where at one time George Washington crossed with his soldiers and camped but a short distance from its banks.

June 13.—We visited the grounds of the "Black Nunnery," a Catholic institution. Girls who want to quit the outside world go in there, and when once the door is closed after them, they never see the light of day again; their coffins are there, and so is the tomb in which they are buried. It has a dense, high wall around it, vine-covered all over, with small windows with curtains closed except one, which is drawn a little to one side. I am told all the daylight they have is a subdued light passing through the windows so that the sky or high lights are never seen. I don't believe there should be an institution in the United States that has the semblance of cruelty that should not be under the surveillance of government officials.

June 15.—I took an automobile ride with Homer's wife and little son, out to Grant's Tomb—a grand marble structure, with most magnificent scenery around it. Mr. Nelson, a friend of Homer's, escorted us around the city, showing us the old, historic buildings. Grace Church was one of the number, built in the year 1842. We passed through that. It is a finely finished building inside. In a house adjoining it is a charitable institution, where little children are cared for while their mothers are out earning a living for them.

June 27.—Homer, Mr. D. and I went to the Aquarium. We saw there some wonders of the briny deep and many of the fresh water kind. Some of the most brilliant and gorgeous colors that eye ever beheld; all shapes and forms. No one has seen the beauty of New York without a visit to the Aquarium.

June 29.—Homer and I visited the Eden Musee of fine paintings and wax figures of noted characters, most of them so true to nature that it is hard to distinguish between a living man and a wax one. We only went a short distance in the "Chamber of Horrors." The first scene that greeted our eyes was the trial and conviction of a murderer; the next the aged mother, bent with years, bidding him farewell just before his execution. The next was a scene where a young woman was being tortured with red-hot irons because of her different religious belief; her hands were clasped and her head turning to one side, gave the expression on her face one of greatest agony. On the opposite side of the hall was a

man in the electric chair being electrocuted. His head laid back on the chair, and his pale face turned upward. The attendants stood looking on while others applied the electric battery. I felt like I would rather read a dime novel, that ended "just lovely," than to go farther; and I judge Homer was of the same opinion, so we turned back.

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."

STILL LATER.—A friend in Silverton offers fifty dollars on the above plan. The amount already received and acknowledged in the Contribution Box, goes to help make up the balance of this fund, which now lacks only \$1528.35 of being complete. Can't we, by a special effort, reach this amount before September 1st?

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 listing donors and amounts: Mr. George Anderson, England 5 0; Mr. Alfred Marsh, 3 0; Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh, 10; Mr. Robert Applegarth, 10; Mr. J. M. Gunson, 1 0; Mr. Arthur Ginton, 1 0; Mr. Sidney Ginton, 1 0; Mr. John Leach, 1 0; Mr. Thos. Allsop, 2 0; Mr. W. Holyoake Byron Smith, 5 0; Miss Phipson, 1 0; A. H., 10; Dr. G. Sworn, 1 0; Mrs. Holyoake Smith, 1 0; Miss Julia C. Smith, 1 0; Mr. T. R. Mudie, 1 0; Mr. A. Sumner, 5; Mrs. Daniel Baker, 1 0; Herbert Spencer, 2 0; Mr. Jas. Wallace, Scotland, 1 0; L. P. Maxam, Mich., \$10.00; Geo. N. Hill, Boston, Mass., 5.00; Eva Ingersoll Brown, N. Y., 50.00; Prof. Daniel T. Ames, Cal., 10.00; Benj. Duval, Col., 1.00.

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