

For the Torch of Reason.

Stand Fast.

Though storms have raged about thy path,
And the way looks drear and dark,
Though clouds have burst with fearful wrath
Around thy storm-tossed bark,
And thou hast oft times been dismayed
By fortune's bitter frown,
Come, weary one, lift up thy head;
Oh, fellow man, be not cast down.

Although the way be rough and steep,
And dark clouds hide the sun,
Faint not but to thy labors keep,
Until thy work is done.
And, though the storm-cloud burst
afresh,
And to thy burdens tend,
Stand fast by truth and reason;
Thou'lt conquer in the end.

R. L. HICKMAN.

NEWS AND NOTES.

Boom the Torch!
Come to the L. U. O!
Secularists, get ready as soon as possible and come to our Secular Home. We need your help.
Master John Scott arrived at the L. U. O. last Tuesday, ready to begin student life again Oct. 1st.
Mrs. Hosmer, Mr. and Mrs. Blyback and Mrs. Ollie Case went to Salem and the State Fair today.
Mr. W. C. Black, another expert printer, arrived at the L. U. O. Tuesday and at once took his place at the case.
Miss Ollie Geer went to Newberg Ore., today on a visit. She will return next week and take up her regular work in the L. U. O.
Carpenters are now at work on the dining hall. They are pulling out partitions, building a porch, putting in windows and doors etc. The object is to have a waiting room for the students this year.
We are happy to announce that the L. U. O. has engaged Roy Russel, B. M., as musical director for the coming year's work. Mr. Russel is too well known to need any introduction to our students and teachers.
Prof. Wakeman was called to to Salem last Tuesday to deliver the funeral address of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kubin's little son, Willie. Obituary notice will appear next week.
One friend writes: "I am well pleased with the success of the L. U. O. It is a vindication of what I have contended for for many years. I am still being persecuted in this priest-ridden town, but 'it moves, nevertheless.'"
Our students will be pleased to know that Prof. Cooley has again been engaged as instructor of music in the L. U. O. With splendid teachers in violin, piano, oboe, cornet, etc., and vocal music, we will be a happy musical set at the L. U. O. this year.

Prof. Wakeman and Geer almost had a runaway while in Salem last Tuesday. They were at the head of a funeral procession; the horse became frightened at a street car; turned square round and ran like mad with Geer, who had the lines, out of the buggy, and Wakeman, "clinging like grim death to a dead nigger", in the buggy. Geer's long legs and Wakeman's perfect presence of mind saved a bad smash up. The only damage was a broken thill.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Anderson and their friend Mr. Eld, all of Fonda, Iowa, made the L. U. O. a very pleasant visit last Monday. They were very much pleased with our work and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson talk of moving to Silverton in order to be among Liberals and educate their children. We hope to have a large city (Secular Home) here sometime in the near future and just such people as these are the ones who are going to be its citizens.

Among other kind words, a friend from Iowa writes: I noticed in the Blue Grass Blade your appeal to Liberals in regard to the needs of the University, therefore I enclose \$5, which please accept. By the way, I never received the Torch of Reason which you sent. I suppose some of my saintly friends got hold of it. I hope it did its work. One of them I claim to have helped on to the good road and I have helped a few others so they are not as ardent Christians as before. The No. 3 is an ex-Catholic, very radical and is doing his very best in missionary work. I wish you good success in your grand and noble work that you have undertaken.

Help, Praise and Hope.

EDITOR TORCH OF REASON:
Enclosed find one dollar for the Contribution Box or Building Fund. The articles in the Torch are very valuable to the general reader. They give us Freethinkers facts that we want to know and ought to know. The average person has no histories to search nor time to spend in that direction, so to the common investigator it becomes very important. How I do hope the L. U. O. will be successful. Yours friendly,

MRS. M. A. REYNOLDS.
Hazleton, Kan.

All Kernel.

FRIEND GEER:—Enclosed find \$1.00 to renew my subscription for the Torch of Reason. No Freethinker can afford to be without it. I have been a reader of all the Liberal papers published in the United States during the last 40 years, and while they are all worthy of support, none of them

compare with the Torch in solid worth and merit. It is all kernel and no husk—it is all wheat and no chaff—it is true to nature and cannot be false to man—it is laying the foundation for a new civilization which embodies all that is great and good and pure. It would afford me infinite pleasure if it could find its way into every home in America and drive superstition from the brain of man.

Some men are born to live forever, and among them is T. B. Wakeman, who, with Bruno and Haeckel, through all the centuries that are yet to come, will find conspicuous places in the pantheon of the world. With best wishes, I am yours always. T. J. BOWLES.
Muncie, Ind.

Programme of O. S. S. U. Twelfth Annual Convention.

Following is the programme of the twelfth annual convention of the Oregon State Secular Union, to be held at Silverton, Ore., September 28, 29 and 30:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 28.

2:30 P. M. Welcome Address, T. B. Wakeman; music.
3:30 P. M. Appointment of Committees.
7:30 P. M. Address, Prof. Freedom W. Hoffmann.
8:30 P. M. Social Ball.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29.

10:00 A. M. Business Meeting of O. S. S. U.
2:30 P. M. Completion of business; volunteer offerings for the good of the cause; short addresses, etc.
7:30 P. M. Address, Prof. J. E. Hosmer.

8:00 P. M. Literary and musical programme; music under the direction of Minnie P. Hosmer (solos, duets, quartets, choruses, etc.); instrumental music, Silverton Marine Band; recitations, etc.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30.

11:00 A. M. Picnic.
1:00 P. M. Addresses in the grove, Pearl W. Geer, John Prescott Guild of Massachusetts; paper, Mrs. Emily Wakeman; recitations, music.
7:30 P. M. Addresses, H. K. Sargent of Portland, Ore., Prof. T. B. Wakeman; music.
Everybody is invited.

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The Twelfth Annual Convention of the Oregon State Secular Union will be held in Liberal Hall, Silverton, Ore., September 28, 29 and 30, E. M. 300 (1900). Much business of importance is to be transacted and new officers elected. A very interesting program, with receptions, music, lectures and ball, is being prepared. The L. U. O. will have its opening exercises on Monday following the convention. Questions as to further union, organization and propaganda will be proposed. It will be a most lively and interesting occasion. ALL peo-

ple of Liberal sentiments are cordially invited. Those who can aid by contribution of means or by taking part in the program are respectfully requested to communicate with the present officers.

T. B. WAKEMAN, President,
Silverton, Ore.

CLARA BAILEY, Secretary,
91 N. 9th St., Portland, Ore.

Dated August 30, E. M. 300.

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 \$1514.10 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$935.60 to complete the fund and give "Luo" a big boost. Who will be the next?

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.

	£	s.
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	
Ed. Secrest, Randolph, Kansas.	2.50	

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