

## NEWS AND NOTES.

The Chemical Laboratory of the L. U. O. is being put in good shape and the class will soon be making interesting experiments.

The next issue of the Free-thought Magazine will contain a half-tone engraving of the Liberal University Building, as it appeared in August of this year.

We have purchased a boiler for heating purposes in the L. U. O., but will be unable to have the plumbing and steam fitting done unless we can raise about \$300. This work ought to be done right away on account of convenience and a protection from fire. Who will help?

We are pleased to see that the Liberals of Kansas and vicinity are contributing to pay the expenses of Mrs. Etta Semple, to the Free-thought Congress at Cincinnati. Mrs. Semple is editor of the Free-thought Ideal of Ottawa, Kansas, and president of the Kansas Free-thought Association.

Mrs. W. M. Turner of Washington, D. C., has sent in two dollars for the Orphans' Fund in the L. U. O. Money received for this fund will be used to pay the expenses of schooling orphans in the Liberal University. This is a splendid idea and the fund ought to grow.

WANY and WOZZIE are two new new words in this issue of the Torch. The emperor of China is responsible for the first, which means things on the wane, as he defines on page 3. Everyone hummed to sleep under a sermon will know what the wozzie wozzie tone is without telling. It is an excellent remedy for insomnia.

Our friend, Mr. Hickethier, of Portland, Oregon, writes to inform us that he will do something to assist the delegates from Oregon to pay their way to the Congress of the American Secular Union, and Free-thought Federation to be held in Cincinnati next month. We hope others will join with friend Hickethier and let the cause in Oregon be well represented.

The Women's Social Science Club of Silverton, held a very interesting session, last Saturday, at the home of Mrs. L. Ames. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. Emily L. Wakeman, president; Mrs. Nellie Leonard, vice president; Miss Frances Rauch, secretary; Mrs. L. Ames, treasurer. The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Sol. Smith (Carry House) next Saturday, at 2:30 o'clock, p. m. All ladies cordially invited.

The Y. P. S. S. C. meeting last Friday evening, was very interesting. Prof. Hoffman rallied his

forces and showed Captain Mills that she has no easy task in competing for honors in this contest. The debate between Jupiter Pluvius and Jupiter Nivens was won by the former, at least the assembled audience decided that the reign of rain is preferable to the reign of snow; therefore Jupiter Pluvius was the choice of the audience when a vote was taken for a clerk of the weather.

## Notice!

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING, OF L. U. O.—The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the Liberal University Company will be held at their University Building, Silverton, Oregon, on Saturday, November 3, 1900, at 7:30 o'clock, p. m. Business of importance will come before the meeting. By order

T. B. WAKEMAN,  
Pres. Board of Directors.  
PEARL W. GEER, Secy.

## A Religion of Rational Standards.

Editor Torch of Reason:

Enclosed please find money order for \$5.25 to be credited as explained. I cannot, in this brief way, convey to you the real joy which the founding of the Liberal University brings me. This is what Liberals have long wished. During the past, many have felt somewhat lonesome, not that they were uncertain as to the correctness of their position, but rather the apparent isolation and lack of proper organization. The Liberal University is a potent example of the kind of constructive work which the late Col. Robert G. Ingersoll so earnestly contended for. His large and noble life was spent in clearing the field, and now its cultivation rests with all lovers of liberty. The religions of the past have been clouds and waves; but humanity is the eternal blue and sea. The true religion of the future will embrace only RATIONAL STANDARDS. Man will not permit the supernatural to cloud or mar his philosophy. He will stand erect and regard this world as a natural palace and not as a dungeon. With best wishes,

Yours for the Liberal University,  
JULIUS J. CHILCOAT, M. D.  
Washington, D. C.

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.

## 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.

## SUBSCRIPTIONS COLLECTED IN ENGLAND BY G. J. HOLYOAKE.

	£	s.
Mr. George Anderson, London	5	0
" " " 2d subscription "	5	0
Mr. Alfred Marsh, " "	3	0
" " " 2d subscription "	3	0
Mrs. E. Holyoake Marsh, " "	10	
Mr. Robert Applegarth, " "	10	
Mr. Thos. Allsop, " "	2	0
Mr. J. M. Gimson, Leicester	1	0
Mr. Arthur Gimson, " "	1	0
Mr. Sidney Gimson, " "	1	0
Mr. John Leach, Yarmouth	1	0

## BY MRS. HOLYOAKE MARSH.

Mrs. Daniel Baker Birmingham	1	0
Mr. Byron Holyoake Smith "	5	0
A. H. " "	10	
Miss Julia C. Smith, " "	1	0
Mrs. Holyoake Smith, " "	1	0
Miss Phipson, Reigate	1	0
Dr. G. Sworn, London	1	0
Mr. T. R. Mudie, " "	1	0
Mr. A. Sumner, " "	5	
Dr. J. Wallace, (deceased) Glasgow	1	0

## SENT PERSONALLY.

Mr. Herbert Spencer, Brighton	2	0
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## CONTRIBUTED IN AMERICA.

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
Helen H. Gardener, N. Y. City	1.00
Esther Herrman, New York City	1.00
J. J. Chilcoat, M. D. Wash D. C.	3.00
Wm. J. Chilcoat, " "	1.00

## TO RAISE \$100,000.

## This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

Previously acknowledged	\$510.90
Ed. Secrest, Randolph, Ks.	2.50
Mrs. M. A. Reynolds, Ks.	1.00
M. Pritchard, California	10.00
J. H. Johnson, Silverton, Or.	5.00
Rice & Bock " "	5.90
J. Von Viesko " "	5.00
J. P. Bale, Ft. Wayne, Mich	2.00

## 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 \$1407.50 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five

hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$907.50 to complete the fund and give "Luo" a big boost. Who will be the next?

Secularists would you not like to have some letterheads printed with Secular sentiment and Wettstein's Free-thought 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.

## LIBERAL MEETINGS.

BOSTON, MASS.—Ingersoll Secular Society meets at Paine Memorial Hall, 9 Appleton St., Sunday, 3 p. m. Rev. J. P. Bland, Resident Speaker.

LOWELL, MASS.—Liberal Association meets in Pilgrim Hall, Palmer street, Lowell, Mass., Sunday afternoons, at 2 o'clock, except 2d Sunday in each month when the time is 6:30. W. S. Parker, President. E. A. Howe, Secretary.

NEW YORK CITY—The Manhattan Liberal Club meets every Friday evening at 8 o'clock, in the German Masonic Temple, 220 East Fifteenth street.

BROOKLYN, N. Y.—The Brooklyn Philosophical Association meets Sunday at 3 p. m., in the Long Island Business College Hall, South Eighth street, bet. Bedford and Driggs Avenues.

CHICAGO, ILL.—Liberal Society, Dr. Thomas B. Gregory, resident lecturer. Sunday lectures, 11 a. m. Corinthian Hall, Masonic Temple. Admission free. All are invited.

OHIO LIBERAL SOCIETY—Season of 1900 and 1901.

Public lectures under the auspices of the above society are delivered every Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, in College Hall, 416 Walnut st., Cincinnati, Ohio. The program for October is as follows: oct. 28.

C. R. Wilby, Cincinnati, Ohio. Subject, "The McKinley Revival of the dogma that Might Makes right."

All lectures followed by free criticism and discussion. Questions invited. Good music in attendance. Admission ten cents.

MANCHESTER N. H.—Freethinkers' Association meets Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, 859 Elm Street.

## FALL SEASON 1900.

"Without a fear of coming night We seek the truth, we love the light."

Nov. 4. Nelson Holmes, Subject to be announced.

Nov. 11. George V. Hamlin. "Municipal Problems."

Nov. 18. Dr. Sarah F. Whittemore Wilsey. "The Education of Women."

Nov. 25. L. H. Carpenter. "A political Subject."

Dec. 2. Anson G. Osgood. "Death and Immortality."

Dec. 9. George R. Jackson. The Poetry of the English Language."

Dec. 16. L. H. Carpenter. "What is Wrong?"

Dec. 23. G. S. Osgood. "A Philosophical Subject."

Dec. 30. Miss Mary Percival Stone. "Harmony and the 'Music of the Spheres.'"

We give the Torch of Reason and the Weekly Oregonian both one year for only \$1.75. If you want to take advantage of this you must order soon for we may discontinue the offer at any time.