

NEWS AND NOTES.

Examinations this week.

Miss Nellie Davey of Mariposa County, California, will be with us next week as a student in the L. U. O.

Prof. Wakeman's lecture before the Cincinnati Congress will be on "The Old and New Phases of Freethought."

The Ohio Liberal Society has just ordered twelve copies of Holyoake's "English Secularism" for use in its library.

The class room and laboratory for Chemistry students has been put in good shape and good, valuable work is being done.

Mr. Geo. Ogle of Molalla, Oregon, attended the opening exercises at the L. U. O. Wednesday, and is greatly pleased with the work we are doing.

The Women's Social Science Club of Silverton, meets next Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, at the home of Mrs. T. W. Davenport. All ladies are invited to attend.

Oregon will have at least two delegates at the National Freethought Congress in Cincinnati this month, and it is hoped that the Western Liberals will respond liberally to the "call" on page 7 of this Torch.

Mr. F. J. Beaty of Chemawa, Ore., has presented the L. U. O. with fifty dollars' worth of wickerwork furniture, mostly settees, in artistic designs, and they add much to the appearance and convenience of the hallways and rooms of the University building and dormitory.

Captain Mills' soldiers gave us a very interesting program at the Y. P. S. S. C. last Friday evening. The family of living wonders was a wonderful exhibit. Captain Hoffmann informs us that he has an excellent program for this week, and from past experience, we have no reason to doubt his word.

Miss Clara Wakeman, instructor in Painting and Drawing in the L. U. O., expects to be in Silverton next Monday, Nov. 5th. While in New York Miss Wakeman has been able to procure some much needed supplies for her department, which will make this year's work still more interesting than last. Those wishing to take lessons in either drawing or painting will please so inform the secretary of the L. U. O. at once, in person or by card, so that arrangements will be made. Regular lessons will begin Saturday, Nov. 10.

We are pleased to hear of the wedding of Miss Flora Levi to Mr. Albert Keppler of Cincinnati. Miss Levi is the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. Chas. E.

Levi, president of the Ohio Liberal Society and one of the stockholders in the Liberal University. Both the father and mother of the bride are earnest Liberal workers and the wedding was a thoroughly Freethought affair. All religion was omitted from the ceremony, which was performed by Squire Winkler who merely asked the contracting parties if the names on the license were correct and if it had been issued to them and, upon receiving an affirmative answer, proceeded with the formula: "Mr. Keppler, will you take this woman to be your lawfully wedded wife, to love and cherish her until death you shall part?" The groom's response, "I will," was succeeded by a similar question to the bride, after which the squire concluded the unique service by the words: "By virtue of the authority vested in me by the State of Ohio, I hereby pronounce you man and wife." The Torch of Reason congratulates the young couple and wishes them a life of unbounded joy and happiness.

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.

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.

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self-respect.

Moncure D. Conway's daughter, who married a Mr. Sawyer, had her wedding cards engraved Mr. and Mrs. Conway-Sawyer, thus recognizing the names of both members of the matrimonial firm, a good example for all young married people.

Speaking of Moncure D. Conway, he has just returned from Paris, and dined with me a few evenings since. He is deeply interested in the International Congress of Peace being held just now in Paris. I found him very much

depressed in view of the South African and Philippine wars, waged by the two leading nations of the world, when all their difficulties might have been so easily adjusted by arbitration.

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.

Table listing subscriptions in England with names and amounts in £ s.

BY MRS. HOLYOAKE MARSH.

Table listing subscriptions by Mrs. Holyoake Marsh with names and amounts.

SENT PERSONALLY.

Table listing personal subscriptions with names and amounts.

CONTRIBUTED IN AMERICA.

Table listing contributions in America with names and amounts.

TO RAISE \$100,000. This is Our Building Fund Contribution Box.

Table listing contributions to the building fund with names and amounts.

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 \$1392.50 of being complete.

LATER STILL.—A friend in New England has sent us a draft for five hundred dollars, which now leaves only \$892.50 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 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.

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."