

Ingersoll the Illustrious.

BY JOHN PRESCOTT GUILD.

Grand orator of rightful joy,
Well may his name our lips employ,
When to those temples we attain
Where thinkers honor Thomas Paine.
With steady round turns Nature's wheel,
No miracle can make it reel;
Hence fear no ghosts nor gods at all,—
So taught Robert Ingersoll.

The flowers of speech, at his command,
He plucked to wreath a circling band,
A chaplet for life's sterner facts,
To beautify what truth exacts.
His voice in season rich did pour,
Throughout the nation, Reason's store;
And christians, couraged by his hope,
Along Life's way less gloomy grope.

Freedom and truth and right and peace,
By such as he have their increase.
In vain the bigots bark and growl,
In vain the grossly varlets howl.
In Freethought's School let Common-
sense

Speak in humanity's defense;
And never give the conflict o'er
Till Superstition strives no more.

For the Torch of Reason.

Guided Points.

BY JOHN P. GUILD.

The L. U. O. is O. K., I C.

Be a whole individual, do not
be a mere initial.

Freethought is fuller than any
federation, and it will last longer.

The Secular Freethought Feder-
ation Congress at Cincinnati has
voted a grand success.

The most successful thing in the
last Freethinkers' convention was
Wakeman's chairmanship.

The election of Mrs. Henry as V.
President was a happy inspiration.
Only her refusal of the first place,
left her in the second position.

Petty flings make one fret for a
short time, but brave work will not
stop long to mind the hurt.

Words hard or soft should not be
always taken seriously. People do
not always mean half as bad or as
good as they talk.

Moore's Blade is bright, Macdon-
ald's Truth-Seeker is a searcher,
the Investigator is an instructor,
there is nothing "green" in Green's
Magazine, Semple's Ideal is an ideal
sample of freethought, the Inde-
pendent Pulpit is well sbawed, but
take the Torch of Reason and see
in every season.

Silverton, Oregon, Nov. 3.

Mrs. Henry Lauds Col. Ingersoll.

The chief speech in the Ingersoll
memorial exercises at the Secular
Congress was by Mrs. Josephine K.
Henry of Kentucky. The Inquirer
gives this abstract:

When the news reached me that
Ingersoll had passed away I
thought more than a great man
had passed away, and I shed tears
of anguish that this great intellect-

ual giant was dead; but mingled
with them were tears of joy that so
great and good a man had lived.
The last words that trembled on
his lips was "Better", significant of
the condition of the people.

He always fought in the open and
always returned from encounters
with other great minds with his ar-
mor unscathed and colors flying.
The religious world claimed that
Ingersoll could tear down but could
not build up. He did not claim to
be a builder.

After 1900 years of religion the
upper ten-thousand live in luxury
while the lower ten million live in
poverty. After 1900 years of Chris-
tianity all the civilized great na-
tions are now armed to the teeth
ready to spring upon the heathen,
and wrest their all from them, leav-
ing only their souls to an unknown
God.

It has been said Ingersoll was
not a scholar, but he had all the
scholarship necessary to make argu-
ments that the combined clergy
could not answer. Had all lived
as good lives as did Ingersoll there
would be no need for a plan of sal-
vation or of a fountain of blood to
wash away the sins of the world.

The preacher of to-day is not a
man among men, but a man among
women. Ingersoll spoke fearless
words for the liberty of man, wo-
man and child. Ingersoll was
never treated fairly by the church
which has always treated the sin-
ner better than the honest skeptic.
He was condemned because he de-
manded truth for any thing he ac-
cepted. Neither priest nor potent-
ate can stay the mighty march of
mind, and Ingersoll's writings
should find a place in every public
library in the land.

Mr. Guild With Us.

Mr. John Prescott Guild leaves
Lowell to-day for Cincinnati to at-
tend the annual congress of the
American Secular Union and Free-
thought Federation. Thence he
will go to Silverton, Oregon, to as-
sist in the general work of the Lib-
eral University, a rapidly growing
institution with the special object
of teaching science without supersti-
tion, and morality without miracles.
Mr. Guild has been an occasional
contributor to the "Mail" for the
last twelve years and is well known
for his work in the Liberal Associa-
tion, in which he has been chair-
man and lecturer.—Lowell (Mass.)
Mail, Nov. 20.

Mr. Guild arrived in Silverton
Monday noon, and at once took off
his material and mental coats and
set himself to work. He is very
much pleased with our Institution,
its location, buildings, pupils and
teachers; the students and faculty
are also well pleased with his short,
introductory lecture to the school.
With his experience in newspaper
work, his temperate habits and his
great love for our grand Cause, Mr.
Guild will prove a very valuable

addition to our little Freethought
family.

Surgeon-General Van Reyepen
does not consider that Guam is a
good naval station. He says that
typhoid fever is practically epi-
demic in the island, owing to the
pollution of the drinking water.
There have been twenty-five cases
and four deaths from this cause in
a force of 143 men. The climate
is also debilitating, but is not oth-
erwise bad. The mean annual
temperature is above 77 degrees
Fab. The Surgeon-General consid-
ers it would be better to establish a
station at Cabras Island, which, as
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