

NEWS AND NOTES.

The Woman's Social Science Club will meet at the residence of Mrs. Sam. Ames, Saturday, January 19, at 2:30.

Students in the L. U. O. are graded at each recitation and given a written examination at the end of each term.

The Y. P. S. S. C. meeting last Friday evening was very interesting. The music was excellent, the debate and short address were instructive, the tumbling by the athletic boys was very nicely done, and the dance, as usual, was a very enjoyable affair, closing promptly at 11 o'clock.

The forty-eight hours of warm rain last week caused the snow in the mountains to melt and the streams in the valley to rise so that the railroad tracks are flooded in places. The Torch has a printer in Portland who can't reach Silverton until the water subsides. If the Torch reaches you late, you may know the cause.

All business communications and letters of inquiry concerning the Liberal University or the Torch of Reason should be addressed to Pearl W. Geer, Secretary L. U. O. Silverton, Oregon. All drafts and money orders intended for either the paper or the university should be made payable to The Liberal University Company.

Judge C. B. Waite's "History of Christianity to the Year 200"—New Edition—is exciting unusual attention. The author and the editor of the Torch have a discussion of the "Origin of Jesus" which will appear in the Torch, and in view of which the history should be read. The easiest way to procure it is to send \$2.25 to The Torch, and the numbers containing the discussion will be sent you free.

The young ladies and gentlemen of the L. U. O. have organized an Athletic Association and have purchased a horizontal bar and a mat to begin with. This society means business. The dues are one dollar a month and the money is to be used to acquire apparatus and employ teachers in physical culture. Twenty members joined before their first meeting and others express their intentions of joining.

The Searchlight, a Liberal paper published by our friend J. D. Shaw of Waco, Texas, has cast its light into our office. This paper, bright in name and appearance, takes the place of the Independent Pulpit, published for some time by Mr. Shaw. The Searchlight is a monthly and the subscription price is one dollar a year. Single copies, ten cents. We congratulate Brother Shaw on his course and hope the Liberals will stand by him. Send ten cents to Mr. J. D. Shaw, Waco, Texas, for a sample copy.

Stability in Change.

To the patrons of the L. U. O.:

As was announced in the Torch of Reason of January 10th, Prof. J. E. Hosmer has resigned his position as president of the faculty of the Liberal University. He has since sold his stock in the Liberal University Company and severed all connection with the above named institution. That it was necessary for Professor and Mrs. Hosmer to take this step is a matter of regret, but could not be avoided; and we are all proud of the fact that the L. U. O. is now strong enough to withstand such shocks.

Prof. Thaddeus B. Wakeman has been elected president of the University in Prof. Hosmer's place, and with Professors Kating, Hoffmann, Mills, Davenport, and Rauch in their places, the routine work of the L. U. O. is carried on effectively, with a necessary change of instructors.

The work of instruction will go right on, without interruption, and the high educational and moral standard will ever be maintained. The private apartments of Prof. and Mrs. Hosmer, in the dining-hall have been fitted up as a study room, to be maintained as such at all hours of the day, so that boarding students may find a quiet place to pursue their studies or to read books, periodicals and newspapers.

The students who board with us are under the direct guardianship and care of Mrs. Emily L. Wakeman, Supt. of the Department of Domestic Science, who, assisted by the other teachers and professors, will see to it that the wants and needs of the boarding students are provided for.

Your continued patronage is earnestly solicited, and we assure you that no pains will be spared to make the Liberal University what it was organized and incorporated to be. This can only be accomplished by your hearty co-operation which you have given in the past, and you will certainly continue to give, now that you realize that each day makes the L. U. O. stronger and better able to carry out its object, notwithstanding any changes which may occur.

Soliciting your hearty co-operation, we desire to have you write us and visit our institution whenever convenient.

Yours sincerely,
THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY CO.,
PEARL W. GEER, Sec'y.

Our Common Sense Poet.

In the person of John Prescott Guild, lately from Massachusetts, our Torch has a rare and valuable machine—a machine poet; for such he said he was when he wandered here from the last Secular Congress at Cincinnati. We were rather

afraid of him, for do not all poets belong to the "irritable genus?" But instead of strutting around with chip on shoulder, he took a vacancy half way between the printer's case and the editorial sanctum, and puts his shoulders to the yoke. Just read his college song for L. U. O., in last Torch. What other college song has so much common sense? Find it for us to print, if you can? And his Christmas verses are very much prized by our readers for their true poetry and sentiment.

At Cincinnati he seemed somewhat displeased; but that was because he was introduced and reported as from Kentucky, a State he had never sighted, and because his common sense could not make out why T. S. and B. G. B. talked of "burying the hatchet," when they did nothing but dig it up. So he puts "Guided Points" through the hearts of both till they know enough to just drop that hatchet for good. Otherwise he seemed to be quite well reconciled to "the whole world and the rest of mankind." Still he likes to give us all sharp points occasionally, like old Ben Franklin, Socrates, and the rest of the bold thinkers.

Mr. Guild is an inwrought and outvoiced temperance man, which accounts for dislike of him in certain quarters. Though having no use for Kentucky whisky, he, as a native of Vermont and Union Veteran, buried the bloody shirt and seconded Elder Moore's nomination of Mrs. Josephine K. Henry of Ky., for Vice President of the A. S. U. and F. F. The world is his home, and doing good is his law. He professes no religion.

Notice!

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING OF THE LIBERAL UNIVERSITY COMPANY.

A special Meeting of the Stockholders of The Liberal University Company will be held at their University Building, Silverton, Oregon, on Saturday, February 9, 1901, at 2 o'clock P. M. Election of Directors and other important business will come before the Meeting.

By order.

THADDEUS B. WAKEMAN,
Pres. Board of Directors.
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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.

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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.

January 25.—"Public Operation of Public Franchises." Samuel Seabury.

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 following is the program for January:

Sunday, 27.—Paine Anniversary Celebration. Special program to be announced later.

MANCHESTER N. H.—Freethinkers' Association meets Sunday evenings at 6 o'clock, 809 Elm Street.