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We will send the Review to trial subscribers six months for 25c.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

Will be held in Toronto on Oct. 31st and Nov. 1st, when

CHARLES WATTS AND G. W. FOOTE

from England, will attend and deliver lectures in

THE AUDITORIUM,

Queen Street, on SUNDAY AFTERNOON and EVENING, November 1st.

As the expenses attending these lectures will be very heavy, we want to hear at once from all those friends who are able and willing to help financially, and from those who will visit Toronto to attend the Convention and to be present at the lectures.

The following is a list of subscriptions and promises so far received towards the lecture expenses: R. T. Holman, Summer-side, \$4; J. McKenzie, do., \$1; A. Roc, Wingham, \$5; J. Craig, Toronto, \$2; J. Taylor, do., \$5; F. Armstrong, do., \$5; D. Densmore, do., \$5; J. Ellis, do., \$2; F. Devean, do., \$2; J. Hurst, do., \$2; Crawford Bros., do., \$1; H. Gordon, do., \$1; T. Robertson, do., \$5; Mrs. Johnston, do., \$2; A. W. Shatford, Hubbard's Cove, \$1.

Messrs. Hurst and Devean have undertaken the work of collecting subscriptions, and all sums received by them will be acknowledged in this column.

Those members of the Canadian Secular Union who have not already done so are earnestly requested to forward the annual fee of \$1 to the Secretary.

PARTIAL PROGRAMME.

In order to give an opportunity to those of our friends in the neighborhood of Toronto who, on account of the distance, will be unable to attend the Sunday meetings, a RECEPTION will be held in the Auditorium Parlor on SATURDAY EVENING at 7.30 o'clock. The business will be as follows (in the Parlor):

1. Reception of friends.
2. Chairman's address.
3. Secretary's report.
4. Appointment of committees.
5. General discussion.

SUNDAY MORNING, at 10.30 (in the Parlor):

1. Report of committees and discussion thereon.
2. Election of officers for 1896-7.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON, at 3 (in the Theatre):

1. Address by Mr. Watts.
2. Lecture by Mr. Foote.

SUNDAY EVENING at 8 (in the Theatre):

1. Address by Mr. Foote.
2. Lecture by Charles Watts.

Subjects of Lectures will be announced next week.

Arrangements are also being made for Messrs. Foote and Watts to lecture in the Auditorium on the Afternoon and Evening of Sunday, Nov. 8.

Correspondence.

ENCOURAGING LETTERS.

"Silver City, Idaho, Oct. 7, 1896.

"C. M. Ellis, Toronto.

"Dear Sir,—Enclosed please find P. O. order for five (\$5) dollars for my subscription for SECULAR THOUGHT, one dollar for the REVIEW, and the other two dollars to help the good cause along as you see fit to apply it. I wish I could only be with you at the coming convention to meet our friends, Messrs. Foote and Watts. It is out of my power to be there, but, as the old apostle Paul said, if I cannot be present with you in body I shall be present in spirit. I am sure you will have a grand time. Pray for me. Hoping you are well I remain,

"Yours in the faith,

"JAMES BEATON."

"Hubbard's Cove, N.S., Oct. 11th, 1896.

"DEAR MR. ELLIS, Herewith find one dollar towards expenses of the convention and lectures of our able English champions, Messrs. Foote and Watts. I wish it were possible for me to be in Toronto to hear and see them. Subscriptions seem to be coming in very slowly. Freethinkers right on the ground, with advantages to be derived from the Union, meeting brother members and able to attend lectures by prominent men in our ranks, should be more enthusiastic and liberal. Hoping your gatherings may be most successful, with regrets that the great distance prevents my being present, I am, yours truly,

"A. W. SHATFORD."

THOS. HAYES, Manchester, Eng., encourages us thusly: "Miss Ellis,—Please find enclosed P.O. order for £1; out of which take my subscription for DOMINION REVIEW for 1896, sending me, if you can, Nos. 1 and 2, which I have not seen. The residue kindly place to the SECULAR THOUGHT Sustaining Fund. I admire the REVIEW very much; and SECULAR THOUGHT is doing a really good work. Yours truly, THOS. HAYES."

Mr. CHANTLER writes: "Dear Mr. Ellis,—Enclosed find \$2.25, being my renewal for another year. It is some time overdue, but as the only excuse I can offer is negligence and being very busy, though I hope to be more punctual in future, I will put in an extra quarter for interest. Yours truly, E. CHANTLER."

W. T. SOLEY, Truro.—Your letter to hand. No; not too long. Glad you got off so well. The judge was decidedly wrong. He must have been in the backwoods recently. Shall appear next week. Books sent.

T. DARLEY ALLEN.—Letter to hand. O.K. Why not reply to those questions put to you some weeks ago?

WALT. A. RATCLIFFE.—Letter and copy to hand. Many thanks. Have written.

B. F. UNDERWOOD.—REVIEWS sent. You need not have sent the stamps. Thanks for your good wishes.

T. W. FISHER.—The subject is an important one, and would be eminently suitable for the REVIEW. Say not more than six pages.

JAMES LOCKIE.—Many thanks for your kind letter and enclosure. Guess the insurance will be all right. Hope you will be able to attend the Convention, for we shall no doubt have a good time.

B. C. GESNER.—Letters to hand. Will do what I can.

A. J. ROLLINS.—REVIEW sent as ordered. Thanks.

T. DUGAN.—Letter to hand, also book, for which we are greatly indebted to you. We shall utilize it shortly. The papers on Phrenology so far to hand seem to us to point to the necessity of a radical change in our system of education, and to largely explain its evident partial failure. As might have been expected, the beginning was made from the wrong end,

Subs. Rec'd.—H. W. Wallace, J. Beaton, B. C. Gesner, W. L. Soley, E. Chantler.

Dominion Review.—A. J. Rollins, \$1; J. Beaton, \$1; T. Hayes, \$1.

SUSTAINING FUND.

J. Beaton	\$2 00
J. Lockie (4th donation 1896)	5 00
T. Hayes, Manchester, Eng.	4 00

We trust our subscribers will remit their renewals promptly, as we are in great need of funds.