

University Union of California

What is it? It is an Educational Institution incorporated under the laws of the State of California. Its charter authorizes it to establish a Chair (professorship) of Religious Evidences from the Scientific Viewpoint and to carry on such philanthropic, sociological and humanitarian lines of work as the principles deduced inculcate. It is also authorized to raise, collect and receive means with which to carry on these lines of teaching and work. It is affiliated with the National University Union, which has set out to establish in each State such a Professorship.

"Chair of Religious Evidence from the Scientific Viewpoint"—One phase of its work is already under way and is being pushed with vigor by Prof. J. G. Rodger, Ph. D., Dr. Rodger is a graduate of Genesee Academy, New York, Yale University, Connecticut, and Union Seminary, New York. He has spent four years of graduate work in Harvard, Cambridge, Mass., Edinburgh, Scotland and Leipzig, Germany.

This line of religious instruction consists in taking the astronomic and cosmological data which science supplies, and studying them to find out what they say concerning their ultimate source—in taking the chemical and geological data science supplies and studying what they say concerning their ultimate—in taking the data which botany and zoology supply and deciphering what they say concerning their ultimate; and in taking the data which the science of anthropology supplies and learning what they have to say concerning man's ultimate source.

Interdenominational—This religious educational work is altogether undenominational and unsectarian. It is purely interdenominational, being for every youth of every home, of every denomination, of every place. It is a seeking for truth.

All Truth is both Scientific and Religious—This line of religious educational work claims that all truth is

religious. What is truth? Truth is but the comprehension and statement of the right relations of objects, forces, laws and beings, to beings, laws, forces and objects. Since every object, force, law and being has its relation to the ultimate of all, every truth has its religious aspect. This line of educational work also claims that all truth is scientific, religious truth included. Science is simply the classification of all data, so far as known to men, the systemization of all phenomena, and the logical inferences and deductions to be drawn therefrom. Consequently religious phenomena and data have a scientific aspect.

Management—The University Union is under the management of a board of directors chosen by the members of the union. Each member of the union is expected to bring to the attention of at least one religious questioner each month this line of Religious evidences from the scientific viewpoint and to contribute something towards its support. Most people will not need to go very far from home or place of business to find such questioners.

Financial Backing—This work stands at present on the appreciation of thoughtful people, who realize the importance of this kind of religious education for this day and nation. People who appreciate its importance are invited to help support it.

This professorship does not stand on the faith basis because it objects to sight basis (an endowment fund from which to pay regular salary and expenses). The work itself was too important to wait for such assistance. The loving Father over all said, "Go forward. I will stand back of you. I will never leave nor forsake you in this work of bearing the light of science to my children who cannot accept the light of the Bible." He has thus far fulfilled His promise. We feel assured that He will continue so to do. But should He put it into your mind and heart, dear reader, to as-

sist in this religious education from the scientific viewpoint your assistance will be heartily appreciated. We need funds to place fifty professors in the field at once—one in each State of the Union. We need and are expecting to build preferably in Washington, D. C., a university building for religious work. Can you help?

University Grade of Work—This line of education is University Work of the very highest grade. If astronomy be university work, if geology and chemistry be university work, if botany and zoology be university work, are not the sciences of anthropology of the Ultimate. This educational work treats of the highest objects on this earth, human beings, in their relation to their ultimate source. Some have objected to this work being carried on chiefly by lectures and institutes. How do the German universities carry on their educational work? Is it not by lectures? Is this not the method of the best institutions in the world? "The student should read?" Yes, this work prescribes reading. "The student should be examined?" Yes, this work employs quizzes and examinations. But when you are getting genuine university teaching is it not the results of direct investigation? The university professor is an original worker, not merely a teacher of the results of others' work. He brings from his laboratory the new phenomena he has discovered, and studies them with his students. So this educational work is original, is by lectures and quizzes, is on the highest subjects (man and his relation to the great Ultimate and to fellow man), is pursued from the scientific view point by scientific methods and consequently is university work of the very highest grade.

Applied Religion—In addition to supporting the Chair of Religious Evidences from the Scientific Viewpoint, the University Union is applying the religious principles deduced especially in three ways:

1. By emphasizing the importance of child education concerning his or her own body, and the right uses and abuses of the same. It seeks to inspire every child with this truth, that

its body is the "Temple of God," or should be. God wishes it to become such, keep it pure.

2. The rights of homeless or orphan children. It teaches that every child has a moral right to a good home.

3. The opportunity of befriending the aged or sick who are friendless. Who can respect himself and see the aged or sick neglected and suffering?

The University Union also holds itself ready to furnish speakers for all sorts of gatherings, not only religious but also educational, sociological, agricultural, commencement and anniversary occasions; for there are religious phases in all these lines of work.

Pulpit Supplies—The University Union holds itself ready to supply pulpits for pastors or for churches temporarily without a pastor. As the union is interdenominational, and has men of all denominations, this work is carried on very efficiently and satisfactorily. The favor with which all these lines of work have been received is best attested by a few extracts from many testimonials.

STRONG ENDORSEMENTS

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 19, 1903.

We, the undersigned, have had the opportunity of attending some of Dr. J. G. Rodger's Religio-Scientific Institute lectures.

These institute lectures have been to us, not only entertaining, but also profoundly instructive. The primary object of these lectures is to reach the skeptical classes. The secondary object is to give Christians additional reasons for the great fundamentals of their faith and thus enable them to be more helpful to the doubting. He shows that the great fundamentals of Christianity have a basis in the very nature of things. We feel that his plan of institute work is well adapted to the accomplishment of both ends and also to the establishment of the California Chair of Christian Evidences from the Scientific Viewpoint.

These lectures have been to us a genuine intellectual and spiritual feast. We feel that Dr. Rodger is a teacher of a new and higher type of evangelism so greatly needed today. His work is undenominational, un-



sectarian. We gladly and unreservedly recommend him to any church or city as a gentleman, Christian scholar and a spiritually minded man. He will do every community he visits great good, without leaving, as is so common, a trail of evil.

WM. S. YOUNG, D.D.
N. L. ROWELL, D.D.
WM. DAVIS, Rev.
MARTHA BRALY.
J. H. BRALY.
BENJ. V. BAZATA, Rev.
JOHN H. COOPER, Rev.
R. C. POWERS, (Ex-Gov.)
LIZZIE BRALY CORY.
A. C. SMITHER, D.D.
WARREN DAY, D.D.

And many other prominent pastors of all denominations and religious workers.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPROVAL

Adopted at the closing lecture of a Religio-Scientific Institute held at Santa Monica. "Heartily and fully endorsed" by the leading pastors and Christian workers in Los Angeles.

Whereas: We have heard some of Prof. Rodger's lectures on "The Scientific Basis of Christianity," and

Whereas: They have been to us not only an intellectual, but a genuine religious and spiritual development and uplift.

Be it resolved: That we heartily approve of this kind of religious teaching and feel that it is just what is needed to stem the tide of Atheism, Agnosticism and Skepticism prevailing.

REV. FRED W. JACKSON, Sec.
Rev. J. R. SPECK and Church.
REV. HUBRECHT.
Dr. G. WEBB.
PROF. MORGAN.
PROF. W. F. WILLIAMSON.
REV. WM. HORACE DAY.
REV. HUGH K. WALKER, D.D.
REV. E. P. RYLAND,

PORT HURON, MICH.

"Had I heard something along this line in a Christian Institution where I spent three years or in a State University, where I graduated, in Berlin, Leipzig, or Halle in each of which I spent a year, I might not have become an Atheist. But in none of these schools did I ever hear any-

thing along the line of Religious thought given in The University Union "Institutes." H. BURT.

NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Dr. Rodger was a thorough and self-reliant student here, and gave promise of success in whatever he might undertake. He is a gentleman highly to be recommended for character and attainments.

TIMOTHY DWIGHT,
Pres. Yale University.

NEW YORK CITY

Dr. Rodger was a student, faithful and honored here. He is a man of character, ability and scholarship. He is one who will be found faithful in whatever he undertakes.

THOMAS S. HASTINGS,
Pres. Union Seminary.

CHICAGO, ILLS.

Dr. Rodger's teaching in the University Union Institute lectures, lifts for us the veil of religious doubt as no other line of thought has done.

ARTIST, COLBY, Irving Park.

Rev. Dr. Van Schoonhoven, pastor of Bethany Presbyterian church, Buffalo, N. Y., said: "Dr. Rodger struck the religious nail squarely and drove it in to the very head. I do not see how my doubters can get around his conclusions."

UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH Faculty of Medicine.

I certify that Mr. J. G. Radger acquitted himself with high distinction as a member of the class of Practical Anatomy, during the year's sessions 1890-92, and obtained the Junior McKenzie Bursary.

W. TURNER, Professor.

We, the Trustees of Benzon College, desire to place on record our high appreciation of the scholarly ability, excellent Christian character, and real moral worth of Pres. J. G. Rodger. In accepting his resignation we assure him of our appreciation of his services in our institution, and of our interest and best wishes in his future prospects and success.

A. M. BRODIE, Manistee, Mich.
DEMAS COCHLIN, Traverse City,

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Professor Jay, G. Rodger, Ph. D., of (Yale, Harvard, Edinburgh and Leipzig,) who holds *The State Chair of Religious Evidences from the Scientific Viewpoint*, in California, will have charge of these Auditorium Lectures. When his State duties prevent him from being present some other speaker of prominence will take his place. These Lectures are free to the Public.

"We feel that Dr. Rodger's unusual endowment, his extensive education in the best universities of the world, his broad culture, his wonderful humanitarian instincts, his experience of doubting everything at one time in his development, all combine to fit him in an unusual way and degree for this Higher Religious Educational work. He is a man of wide experience as an educator, of sterling worth as a man, and an advanced thinker. He is certainly a pioneer in this advanced religious educational work, a teacher of teachers. His sympathetic nature prompts him to find the good in every person, in every creed, in every religion, and give it its full credit. He thus leads all up to seeking for the highest in thought, desire, and life. We heartily commend such religious educational work."

Signed by over 1000 teachers, students, professional and business men and