

just where I wanted to be—at Homer's. Who would wish to be in a better place? I found him in the back-yard, of course, with his wife, two children, sister (Mrs. Martin) and last, but by no means least, his menagerie of pheasants, chickens, ducks, quails, dogs, deer, two fine horses and "Swin," the monkey.

Homer did not know I was within three thousand miles, and of course he was surprised. He is the same Homer he always was and always will be. I never saw a person more capable of enjoying his position. To be surrounded with the luxuries of a home, an ideal home, was his dream when a boy. This dream is fully realized. He has a wife who can enjoy what he enjoys and increase his happiness ten-fold. Homer, the younger, is almost an exact counterpart of his father and is a bright little boy. Little Mildred is a model child and really the sweetest little girl I ever saw. Simply to live is not Homer's ambition. He believes in doing something as he goes along, and he does it. He always loved to be with birds and make pets of animals. He is a natural caricaturist and has made pictures all his life. He loved to see a cock-fight, not for brutality, but to study the birds' natures. He enjoys a prize fight for the same reason, while he abhors the brutality of it. His greatest trouble in life has been to find a means of making a living and at the same time to enjoy the talents and ambitions with which nature has endowed him. He has solved the problem completely. He draws a salary quite sufficient for his needs and has around him what he can enjoy. His collection of pheasants is the finest private collection in the world. He is the proud owner of the finest Arabian horse in the United States. He has won fame, which makes many a one jealous. But he does not care for fame particularly. He does not push himself forward. He goes about his business and enjoys life as he lives it. Hardly a mail comes that does not bring requests from some of his admirers for his autograph. This does not "turn his head" nor make him forget that he is simply a man. He realizes that he is just what nature has made him, and he couldn't be otherwise. What a pity that we cannot all realize this same truth in regard to ourselves and others! Less egotism for ourselves and more charity toward each other is what the world needs.

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Dedication of the Paine Bust.

New York City must be full of Infidels! Seven carloads of them left on a special train Tuesday morning, May 30, for New Rochelle and the old farm of Thomas Paine. The magnificent bronze bust made by Mr. Macdonald had been placed on the monument at Paine's grave, and now we were on our way to the spot to unveil the bust and dedicate it to the cause of Humanity. What a jolly crowd that special train-load of people did make! We left the Forty-second street depot at 11:15 a. m. and by 12 o'clock were at New Rochelle station, a truly beautiful place. Paine's monument is more than a mile from the station. Many took carriages and coaches, but the majority walked, preferring to take an outing while an opportunity afforded. The scene is delightful around New Rochelle. The rolling hills, with huge trees and a luxuriant growth of grass and underbrush, with the old houses and stone fences built so many years ago, all combine to make the scene a delight to lovers of nature.

When the crowd arrived at the monument, lunches were spread, stomachs were filled, appetites satisfied, thirsts quenched and all were made happy. A general good time was had talking, visiting and "getting acquainted," until the hour arrived for the program.

Dr. E. B. Foote, Jr., called the meeting to order, and in a few fit-

ting remarks informed us that we were there for noble work. He gave a short history of the bust, which, at the close of his remarks, was unveiled by the aged sculptor, Mr. Macdonald, who then mounted the stone wall, which was used as a rostrum, and made a few brief and fitting remarks. Mr. Macdonald may well be proud of his work, which will stand hundreds of years after he is dead and point out to the people who chance to pass that way the fact that Thomas Paine has had admirers who dared stand up for him in the face of ridicule. Just such work as this is what is killing the prejudice against the man Thomas Paine.

The next speaker called was Mr. E. C. Walker, of New York City, who spoke at length and to the point, receiving the applause of all present.

He was followed by Pearl W. Geer, of Oregon, who was welcomed with great applause and devoted a few moments to a tribute to Thomas Paine, closing with Geo. J. Reinsburg's poem, "The Author-Hero." At the close of his speech Mr. Geer was presented with a unique penholder by Capt. Geo. W. Lloyd, of New Rochelle.

Mr. T. B. Wakeman, of New York City, delivered the next address, which was a splendid review of the noble work of Thomas Paine for Humanity. His speech ought to be printed and read by every one. He proved conclusively that

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