

Dedication of the Paine Bust.

(Continued from 3d page.) Paine was the author of every advanced idea of civilization in the world to this day. Mr. Wakeman ranks as one of the best lecturers on the Secular platform. His audience always learns something and he is always ready to speak on any topic of the day. Mr. Wakeman was the first to suggest the idea of the Paine bust, and now he is proud that his prophecy has come true.

Dr. Foote eulogized Mr. Wakeman for his excellent speech and then introduced Mr. Henry Rowley, of the Brooklyn Philosophical Society, who interested the audience for some time with a lively radical speech, which was closely followed and loudly applauded by the assembled audience. No one goes to sleep while Rowley speaks, and the dullest can see the point.

M. Florence Johnson "furnished the cream between the layers of intellectual cake" with her recitations, which, as usual, were well received. "Thomas Paine's Interview with Saint Peter" is splendid and never fails to amuse an audience.

After the program, the lunch baskets were again opened and appetites satisfied. Most of the people enjoyed a pleasant walk and visit to Paine's old house on the hill, a quarter of a mile from the monument. When the state of New York gave Mr. Paine this estate of 300 acres a splendid house was situated near the site of the monument, but while he was in France the house was burned. On his return he built the present, smaller house, where we were permitted to enter and see the rooms in which he once lived and wrote. We saw the window through which one of Paine's former employes shot at him. What a lucky shot to miss its mark! Near this window, on a stand, lies a large Bible of the regulation family size. This book now contains a copy of the Torch of Reason, slyly placed there while the lady of the house was explaining a picture of Martin Luther which hung on the wall, which our friend from Brazil had mistaken for a picture of Thomas Paine! Our friend from Oregon made an equally bad break by asking if a modern bicycle in the corner was the one rode by Mr. Paine. Of course, we had to visit the well and take a drink of the pure, cold water. No foolish questions were asked about that, but we all relished the drinks. This farm is now for sale, and the Freethinkers must see to it that it is made "Paine Park" and kept as a rendezvous for Freethinkers and all who admire Thomas Paine. A meeting was called of the interested ones, and steps were taken in the direction of protecting the

monument.

The trip back to the station and on to the city was enjoyed with the rest of the day's proceedings, with the exception that the railroad company, as is usual, played a trick on us by delaying us nearly an hour at the station and turning our special train into an accommodation train, and going into the city at a "snail gallop." But we got there all right, and after bidding good bye all around we took cabs, trolley cars and elevated railroads, or allowed them to take us, to our respective homes; and we all feel that the day's occasion was a success and our duty to the Author-Hero and Humanity a pleasant one. Let us hope that Thomas Paine will go on many another bust and we will see them in government buildings and public parks quite as frequently as the monuments, statues and busts of other great men. PIL CODDY. New York, May 31.

A Biblical Puzzle.

Genesis 11: These are the generations of Shem: Shem was an hundred years old and begat Arphaxad two years after the flood. Arphaxad lived 35 years and begat Selah; Selah lived 30 years and begat Eber; Eber lived 34 years and begat Peleg; Peleg lived 30 years and begat Reu; Reu lived 32 years and begat Serug; Serug lived 30 years and begat Nahor; Nahor lived 29 years and begat Terah; Terah lived 70 years and begat Abram.

Genesis 17:5: Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham.

Joshua 24:1-3: And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads, and for their judges, and for their officers, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said unto all the people, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel. Your fathers dwelt on the other side of the flood in old time, even Terah, the father of Abraham and the father of Nachor; and they served other gods. And I took your father, Abraham, from the other side of the flood.

Genesis 7:21: All flesh died that moved upon the earth, both of fowl and of cattle, and of beasts, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man.

How did Terah and Abraham escape the flood? M. M. T.

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