

Ingersoll Memorial Services.

The first meeting of the Wagner Creek Secular Sunday School, after the summer vacation, was held in U. M. L. hall, Talent, Oregon, Sep. 25, E. M. 299, and devoted to memorial services in honor of Robert G. Ingersoll.

There was a large attendance including many from neighboring towns. An interesting program was rendered, consisting of a short address by W. J. Dean, music, which included a gramophone entertainment furnished by young Master Burriss of Ashland, and which called forth a vote of thanks, recitations, readings, etc.

The following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, It is fitting and proper for Freethinkers to hold in grateful remembrance one whose life work was devoted to freeing humanity from mental bondage in all its forms; therefore be it

Resolved, by the Wagner Creek Secular Society: That by the death of Robert G. Ingersoll, Freethought has lost one of its greatest champions of mental liberty; one who by example, as well as by matchless logic and eloquence, has done as much towards the uplifting of the human race from the dismal depths of superstition as any other individual, living or dead; that no one has done more to demonstrate to the thinkers of this world that the so-called Holy Scriptures are, for the most part, false in fact, absurd in theory and were "written by ignorance at the instigation of fear;" that he has, by plain, yet unanswerable reasoning, shown the uselessness of prayer, the absurdity of prophecy, the impossibility of miracle and the "infinite injustice" of vicarious atonement; that, above all, we should honor him for his noble efforts in defending the Liberties of Man, Woman and Child.

Resolved, That this society sincerely mourns the death of Freethought's great leader and extends a heartfelt sympathy and condolence to his bereaved family.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the leading Liberal journals and also to the local papers for publication.

To The Freethinkers of America.

The twenty-third Annual Congress of the American Secular Union and Freethought Federation will be held in Boston, Nov. 17th, 18th and 19th. For the first time in the history of the society a Congress is to be held in New England. Paine Hall has been tendered for the occasion and Boston Freethinkers will do all in their power to make it a notable gathering. The

success of the coming Congress is assured.

While the results of the present year have not been all that could be desired, the society has accomplished much good. Thousands of pamphlets and papers advocating the principles of Freethought have been distributed. Documents relating to state Secularization have been sent to members of Congress and State Legislators.

In California, Montana and other states, legislation inimical to religious liberty have been defeated. In several states bills for the repeal or modification of the Sunday laws were introduced and found many supporters. In Nebraska a bill providing for the taxation of church property was passed by the House. The society is preparing for more effective work in this field. In nearly every state committees have been appointed to look after legislation and other matters of interest to the society. In every state, a bill for the taxation of church property, the repeal of the Sunday laws, or the prohibition of religious teaching in the public schools, should be introduced at the next session of the Legislature. The Union is now in a condition to render efficient aid in this work and all efforts for that or similar purposes should be reported to the secretary, so as to receive the support and aid of this national organization.

The further organization of the Liberals in every state will be prominently brought before the Congress, and representatives from every section of our country are necessary to make this union of the friends of intellectual liberty effective, both for our own defense and the furtherance of the cause they have at heart.

Let every Eastern Freethinker attend this Congress. Let as many as possible of our Western friends attend. Able speakers will address the Congress, inspiring music will be furnished and good fellowship will abound. With the roses of joy will be mingled the rue of grief. Since we last met two of our Presidents have died our great and beloved leader, Col. Ingersoll, and our able and worthy brother, Dr. Westbrook. Arrangements have already been made for an Ingersoll Memorial meeting to occupy one session of the Congress.

The expenses attending a great National Convention are large. To meet these expenses we shall rely as heretofore upon the generosity of our Liberal friends. Contributions for the purpose should be sent at once to the Treasurer, Otto Wettstein, Rochelle, Ill.; to the Secretary, E. C. Reichwald, 141 S. Water St., Chicago, Ill.; or to the Editor of this paper.

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