

Travels.

BY PEARL W. GEER.

The Ingersoll home at Dobbs-Ferry-on-Hudson presents a different appearance from what it did a year ago when I visited it. Colonel Ingersoll, the great central sun of the home, is no longer to be seen, but he is ever present in his immortal works, and there love still reigns supreme. The walls of the different rooms are decorated with the colonel's pictures and writings, and on the stands and tables are to found his books and pamphlets. One is continually reminded of this great and good man, and it seemed that he was liable to put in his appearance at any moment. What I enjoy about this home is so many evidences of Colonel Ingersoll's life and such loving respect paid to it.

The whole family are interested and busily occupied in arranging and preparing the manuscript and reading proof for the new Dresden edition of Col. Ingersoll's writings, which will be out in the near future and is to be well-edited and profusely illustrated. This work has served the double purpose of keeping their minds from their grief and at the same time keeping them near to this ideal husband, father and friend.

Mrs. Ingersoll and two daughters are cheerful, take a philosophical view of their loss and find much in life worth living for. They strive to be as happy as they can and do all possible to make others happy. Mrs. Eva Ingersoll Brown takes great interest in the Liberal University and gave fifty dollars for the Ingersoll Chair, which she says she feels certain is the kind of a monument her father would like to have built to his memory.

Mr. Farrell took me for a drive up the river to Irvington, and I had a very pleasant time. We visited the Gould mansion and Washington Irving's old home, besides viewing many other mansions of noted and wealthy people. We stayed for a few moments at the home of the Cosmopolitan Magazine, where I had the pleasure of visiting with Mrs. Walker (the wife of the editor), who had just returned from an extended trip abroad. Mrs. Walker is a very interesting woman and quite entertaining. She spent some time at Heidelberg, where she had the privilege of seeing five duels fought.

The drive through the woods along the bank of the Hudson in the vicinity of Dobbs' Ferry and Irvington is exceedingly delightful, and especially with such good company as Mr. Farrell. We arrived at the Ingersoll-Brown home in time for lunch and a good visit with the rest of the members of the family before I was driven to the station on my return to New York

City. I had a very pleasant visit with all and was pleased to learn that each and every member of this family is interested in the cause of Liberalism in general, and the Liberal University in particular.

I found Elizabeth Cady Stanton at her apartments on 94th street, New York City, where I spent a most delightful afternoon. Mrs. Stanton appears younger than she did when I saw her a year ago, and her interest in the cause of freedom was never more intense. She is especially interested in the Liberal University and uses all means within her power to further its interests. In every letter she writes she encloses circulars of information regarding the L. U. O. Mrs. Stanton is in good health, and I see no reason why she should not live to be a hundred years of age. She certainly deserves long life.

I left New York City at noon on Thursday, June 14th, and in a short time, after a pleasant ride along the Sound and up the Connecticut valley, I was at Meriden, where I found our friend Griswold in his store on Main street, where he greeted me with a smile and a hearty shake of the hand. We went to the house, where I had a very pleasant visit with Mrs. Griswold, and stayed for lunch.

Mr. Griswold says he has made many mistakes in giving money for supposed Liberal enterprises and it seemed a year ago that fate was against him; but when he heard of the Liberal University he took courage anew and resolved to assist what he then considered, and has since proved, to be a worthy cause. His contribution was valued at five thousand dollars, and gave the L. U. O. a solid foundation on which to stand. It was not long before Mr. Griswold heard from pretended Liberal sources that the cause he had helped was a fake, and he waited almost breathlessly for proof to the contrary, for it seemed that his aid to the Liberal cause was destined to go wrong. Perhaps to his surprise, but most certainly to his great joy, the evidence pointed to the sincerity and honesty of purpose of the promoters of the Liberal University, in spite of the reports circulated by a few croakers, who couldn't tell why they croaked.

Mr. Griswold was so rejoiced to learn that this donation had really gone to a worthy cause, that he considered it was worth five hundred dollars to him, so he sent that amount to the L. U. O. to "help along spring trade" as he said. He informed me that his interest still waxeth great, and leads me to believe that his name will be "written there" on other drafts made payable to the Liberal University. Don't tell Mr. Griswold that the L. U. O. is not a worthy institution, for he knows better.

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