

"No Lamps Ever Go Out"

HELENA Cobden Hirst, grand-niece of Richard Cobden, famed British free trader, on being invited to speak at the Henry George School banquet in New York on June 21st, replied with heartfelt greetings to Countess Tolstoy and said she was "honored and quite overcome." Having been acquainted with Anna de Mille and her daughter, Agnes, she sent her special love to Agnes de Mille "so gallant in her courage and determination to arrive 'at the best' with the staunch and loving care of her very dear mother."

Mrs. Hirst wrote from Sussex, not far from Richard Cobden's old home, which has now become the YMCA Dunford College, a center for informational good will courses attended by students representing all countries, races and creeds. Thus people are

again being awakened to a realization of what Cobden stood for and accomplished for his country.

"We are all going through very rapid and great changes," she wrote, "but the eternal problems arise in new forms. Not so new, but only clothed in other guises. We are indeed grateful for all the men and women in all countries who have held up lamps to light the way to a better world.

"It is encouraging to think you are carrying on those ideals which are needed more than ever today. My grand-uncle, like Henry George and Leo Tolstoy, saw things clearly ahead of their times, as all great-minded folk do. There will always be groups of people who follow the light. No lamps ever go out even if sometimes temporarily out of sight."
