

Unto the End

From the heights, as a spiritual leader of the Henry George movement, the aging Joseph Dana Miller continued with undiminished zeal and ability to chronicle the epic of a mighty movement to free mankind. The hands trembled a little, the eyes were somewhat dimmed—but the mind was as clear, the pen as keen as ever. The parade went by . . . The Henry George School was growing. In California, most persistent center of political action, Judge Jackson Ralston was waging a campaign to repeal the sales tax and substitute a land value tax. Overseas, the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade was spreading its influence despite darkening clouds on the international scene. The old controversies within the movement were again being waged: To organize or not to organize; is interest justified; is political action premature; the School of 1897 versus an improved and modernized science of economics; etc., etc.

And Joseph Dana Miller, venerable sage, was growing more kindly, more tolerant. Around him, the Samuel Johnson of the movement, the Georgeists flocked. They were all his children, all working for the same cause. Let them all have their say. Something good will come out of it.

The November-December 1938 issue was the last number of *LAND AND FREEDOM* edited by Joseph Dana Miller. As long as he was able he appeared every day at the office. After that issue, ebbing health did not permit him to continue. But this, his last issue—did it show any signs of decline, or senility? Let us glance at it:—A powerful editorial on the current trend toward collectivism, and a clarion call to return to Liberty—a clear-headed evaluation of organization and political action, and a plea for unified Georgeist effort—the story of the California campaign by Jackson Ralston—an article by Benjamin W. Burger demonstrating the possibility of collecting the rent of land under existing Federal laws—the program of the newly formed Tax Relief Association, an organization intended to interest business men, by Victor A. Rule—and the news of the Georgeist movement throughout the world.

During Mr. Miller's last illness in the early part of 1939, the business and editing of *LAND AND FREEDOM* was assumed by Charles Jos. Smith, who now conducts the enterprise as Trustee under the last will and testament of the Founder. Mr. Smith enjoys the collaboration of his co-editors, Mr. Jos. Hiram Newman and Mr. Robert Clancy.

On May 8, 1939, Joseph Dana Miller passed away. The May-June 1939 number was devoted to his memory. Tributes poured in from every part of the world. They were followed by a ringing appeal that *LAND AND FREEDOM* should continue the work of the Founder. And it has,

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LAND AND FREEDOM, after Miller's death, continued to be just what it had been in the past—the voice of the Henry George movement. If the world wished to know what was the status of the Georgeist cause, it might turn to the pages of this journal.

With the clouds of world conflict again darkening Georgeists from all over the world convened at New York in 1939 to celebrate the Centenary of Henry George. It was fateful that September 2nd, the hundredth anniversary of the birth of that great economist and social philosopher should witness the outbreak of a cataclysm that he prophesied would engulf our civilization.

With these terrible world events accumulating, *LAND AND FREEDOM* continues to perform its mission, continues the tradition of Joseph Dana Miller. It continues to exhort the people to turn to Liberty while there is yet time. It stands for the philosophy of Henry George in all its power. And it stands for a United Effort on the part of all who embrace the philosophy of freedom to pull together for the great work of leading the Georgeist reform to success—the only salvation for mankind.

L & F and the Biosophical Institute

WE have been fortunate in making the acquaintance of the Biosophical Institute, an organization devoted to peace and character education. The Institute welcomes all views that tend toward better understanding and more peaceful relations among men. In keeping with such a policy, it has offered its radio facilities to this journal and already we have been on the air twice, over Station WLTH, New York City.

Pleased with our radio presentation of the Georgeist philosophy, Mr. Francis Merchant, Program Director, invited us to give a talk before a group which meets weekly at the headquarters of the Institute. For this occasion, Mr. Robert Clancy and Mr. Charles Jos. Smith engaged in a dialogue before an audience of about 75 persons. The dialogue was based upon "You and America's Future," the pamphlet prepared by Robert Clancy and William W. Newcomb. The audience appeared well pleased with the presentation, showing remarkable intelligence in the type of questions put to the speakers after the dialogue.

We feel that a fine relationship has been established, and we endorse the lofty purposes of the Biosophical Institute. Its headquarters are at the Hotel Dauphin, 67th Street and Broadway, in New York City.