

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## FRANCIS W. MAGUIRE

One of the most remarkable personalities in the Henry George movement passed away in the Mercy Hospital in Pittsburgh, on the 12th October—Francis W. Maguire. He was in his 82nd year, and had been ill for about two months. Over a period of 45 years he had given voluntary service with extraordinary zeal and devotion to the propagation of the Henry George teaching, and no one over the length and breadth of America has done more to gain new readers for *Progress and Poverty* and the other writings of the great master. He began this work in Chicago in 1888, when at that time a clerk in a grocery store. In Pittsburgh he was associated with the Henry George Foundation of America and was a familiar figure at the annual congresses organized by that body. Few of our American correspondents have been more constantly in touch with our own office. In the course of the latter years he has had thousands of books and pamphlets for the exercise of his successful salesmanship and many are the new readers he has obtained for *Land & Liberty*. We can be grateful that he lived to see the victory of Mr McNair in the recent Mayoral campaign in Pittsburgh, after a campaign in which he participated with the greatest enthusiasm. The genial, kindly Francis Maguire had hosts of friends and one of these, Mr John C. Rose, wrote truly of him in an eloquent biographical sketch published in American papers of August last year: "His name will be numbered among those names that were not born to die. Indeed, some future generation will erect to his memory the same inscription which was erected to the memory of Giordano Bruno, on the spot where he was burned for seeing more clearly than his fellow men. The inscription will read: 'Raised to the man Maguire by the generation which he foresaw.'"

We convey our sincere condolences not only to the bereaved relatives but also to our co-workers and colleagues among whom Francis Maguire will be sadly missed.