

contact with the worlds of commerce and engineering, in which he held positions of distinction.

During all these years of association and comradeship his peculiar gifts and wide experience were unreservedly placed at the command of the cause in which he wholeheartedly believed and they will sorely be missed by those left behind.

Charles Crompton will be missed not only by his partner in the post left vacant by his death, but by all with whom he came in contact during his long years of association with the movement, and whose respect he won in high degree. The special gifts of a mind, keen, critical and searching, even in times of sickness will long live in their memories and by all he will be mourned as a true and steadfast friend. W. R. LESTER.

"The truth that I have tried to make clear will not find easy acceptance . . . . But it will find friends; those who will toil for it; suffer for it; if need be die for it. This is the power of Truth." So runs the epitaph on Henry George's grave, and no words could be more fitting for the preface of a notice such as this in memory of one of George's lifelong disciples.

To the very end Charles Crompton had but one thought; how to get across to the people of the world this great message, the adoption of which would abolish poverty and war for ever and bring justice and economic security to all. The very last message Charles Crompton sent to me a few days before he died bore on one of the many plans we had but recently discussed together for the purpose of intensifying propaganda.

It would not be possible to enumerate the vast work which Charles Crompton did for the cause throughout his life. His support was generous and unflinching and his activities so numerous, his thought for the movement so constant, that it would take volumes of this paper to do full justice to the service which he rendered.

As an engineer and industrialist he had but two aims: one that whatever was produced in the works under his control should be of the highest standard summarized by his motto for the works: "Only the best is good enough for Newbie"; the other that all with whom he worked should share fairly in the results of their efforts and be left free to live their own lives in their own way assured that so far as in him lay justice should be done to all. The thriving and almost unique community now in existence at Annan is a monument to his vision, perseverance and enterprise.

Perhaps the most striking of his many speeches and addresses was that made on 13th February, 1922, to the Midland Land Values League at Birmingham, when he took for his theme "When I am Prime Minister." The best hope that his friends and acquaintances may entertain is that from amongst his many hearers and admirers one day may arise a Prime Minister who will carry through the policy he so lucidly and crisply set forth in that address.

Humbly he could never stand: truth and simplicity he constantly sought. Though his friends suffer what in human terms can only be described as an irreparable loss, we must all be proud to have been privileged to be associated with him for so long, and glad to have shared in the advantage of his inspiration.

R. R. STOKES.

Mrs Charles E. Crompton has received so many letters of kind sympathy from the different leagues and from a great number of individual supporters in the Henry George movement that she would find it difficult to answer each and all. She wishes to express through *Land & Liberty* her gratitude to all her friends and her sincere thanks.

## JOSEPH DANA MILLER

THE AMERICAN Henry George movement, and the world movement, has lost a renowned leader in the death of Joseph Dana Miller, a personal loss to very many, which will be deeply felt. Joe Miller, as he was affectionately known by his friends, died at the Fairmount Hospital, Jersey City, after some months illness which had been aggravated by a fall in the streets of New York when he was blown over and injured on one of the stormiest days of January last. He had been making for a meeting of the trustees of the Henry George School of Social Science. He had reached the age of 74.

Wherever the Henry George movement is known, so also is known the *Single Tax Review*, never mind that its name was changed in later years to *Land and Freedom*; and so also Joseph Dana Miller is known. He founded the journal in 1901, which has helped and informed and educated a great host of readers. The tributes paid by correspondents to the value of this work, and their gratitude for it, are on record in issue after issue. Everyone will hope that a successor of equal talent will be found to continue the traditions of the *Review* that have been so ably set and maintained by its late editor. The opening pages for which he in particular was responsible, the "Comment and Reflection," were ever the most attractive and appealing, in their exposition of the Henry George philosophy and its application to whatever economic, social or political matter was in discussion. This is all the more remarkable in view of the high standard of the articles regularly contributed by others.

He was a close friend and associate of Henry George. In 1919 he was the Single-Tax candidate for the president of the Board of Aldermen in New York, and in 1921 he was candidate for mayor. In 1917 he issued the *Single Tax Year-Book*, an invaluable work of reference, with which many authorities collaborated from all over the world, recording the history of the movement, its status and progress in many countries, much descriptive material and many articles theoretical and practical. It was intended to be quinquennial; and perhaps a reason that this enterprise was not carried out is that its function was largely fulfilled by the material made available at the International Conferences in 1923, 1926, 1929 and 1936, the proceedings and publications of which developed the same ground.

Mr Miller was widely known as a writer of poetry, his published books being *Verses from a Vagrant Muse* and *Thirty Years of Verse Making*. Among his many magazine articles and contributions on the subject of Justice in Taxation was his article on Income Tax in the Questions of the Day Series. His literary activities were so long and faithfully devoted to the advancement of the Henry George Teaching, and in the gatherings and the counsels of the movement he filled such a high place, that he will be sadly missed.

Born in New York, he spent 25 years of his life in Jersey City, and then moved to Brooklyn, returning to Jersey City about three years ago. He was unmarried and beside his brother is survived by a niece, Mrs Dorothy E. Griffin. To them we convey our sympathy in their bereavement.

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