

OSCAR GEIGER

The sudden passing of Oscar Geiger, stricken by heart attack on 29th June, took away one of the most ardent protagonists of the Henry George movement in New York City. In the last three years of his life his activity and interest were bound up in the Henry George School of Social Science at 211 West 79th Street, which he founded and directed, nobly assisted by Mrs Geiger. On 2nd July a gathering of 200 friends met at the School in memorial service to pay tribute to his life-long service to the cause of economic liberation, addresses being delivered by Mr Lawson Purdy and the Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy. A striking biographical sketch appeared in the *New York Times* of 30th June, naming him as a notable Single Tax leader. Oscar Geiger had met Henry George in his youth and became absorbed in the study of economics, sociology and philosophy. He was a leading speaker for George in the publicist's campaign for Mayor in 1897, and George called him "the economist of the single tax movement."

Mr Stephen Bell, of New York, who was one of his closest intimates, in a letter to us speaking of the way he inspired others, writes: "Oscar Geiger in my estimation filled a place among us very like that occupied by John Paul in Great Britain."

Oscar Geiger will be missed by a very large circle of friends, and by none so much as the Trustees of the School of Social Science, Mrs Anna George de Mille and Messrs F. C. Leubuscher, J. Dana Miller, L. T. Recker and Wm. Ryan, his colleagues and co-workers. His son, George Geiger, associate professor of philosophy at the University of North Dakota, is known throughout our movement as author of the outstanding work, *The Philosophy of Henry George*. To Mrs Geiger and George Geiger we convey our sincere condolences in their bereavement.