

God for Host and Head, (so fadeth all our doubt and gloom), for every guest he calls is room.—J. D. M.

GEORGEANS, SINGLE TAXERS AND GEORGIANS.

(An actual conversation slightly touched up).

"I used to think political science dismal, but I no longer think so—you see I am a Georgian."

"Oh, are you? I, too, am from the South. I am a Tennessean—from Memphis; but I understood you were a New Yorker."

"I was born in New York, but I am also a George-an, not a Georg-i-an. You see there is a definite etymological distinction as well as a vast difference in the meaning of the two words, and I regret there are so many eminent writers who are, as yet, careless in their use of these words."

"Oh, I see, you are a Single Taxer."

"Yes, and much more. The Single Tax was only one, great, vital suggestion from Henry George. His was one of the greatest mentalities—or souls—of the ages. As a thinker, Henry George was a great philosopher; as a student, he was a master sociologist; as a specialist, he was a politico-economic scientist; as a literateur and writer, he was a stylist. When it came to practical politics and constructive statesmanship, he was a "pot-boiling" zealous and practically-applying Single Taxer."

"Well, well, that is saying a good deal about one man. You really think he was great?"

"That depends upon what we mean by greatness. It is difficult to put a tag on such a soul as his and qualify his mind with adjectives. Moses, Plato, Caesar, Shakespear, Napoleon—these we call great. Probably for thousands of years to come their characters will be debatable among thinking people. It is doubtful, however, if any single human mind known to man during the historic period, has ever influenced with such profound and absorbing power, so large and varied a mass of humanity in thirty years time, as has Henry George. This is, of course, largely due to the advanced stage of social evolution of

our time, coupled with the wonderful mechanical inventions used for the transmission and dissemination of thought; but while this, in a measure, explains his broadcast influence, it does not explain the fact that, with the same instrumentalities for the diffusion of thought, not one other single mind of modern times has had so vast, varied and profound an effect upon millions throughout the world, in church, state, press, institutions of learning, and business and political circles which, sapping and mining away at the ignorance and political superstitions of the ages under his master-ship."

"Why don't we hear more about it then?"

"We are hearing about it constantly, but unless we understand what we hear, it is meaningless to us. The cry of "Back to the Land;" "British Budget;" "Intensive cultivation;" "Conservation of natural resources;" "Taxation of unearned increment," in Germany, "Ballot reform;" "Direct legislation;" "Physical valuation," of railroads and British lands; "Tax Reform societies;"—behind all of these you will find the spirit of Henry George's philosophy fomenting the onward movement on rational lines—for all Georgians are rational."

"But the leaders of these movements do not call themselves Single Taxers or even Georgians."

"True, and that is where our perception and judgment may be at fault. If you are looking for a tag instead of a spiritual fact, 'there shall be no sign given unto you.' For political, prudential, social and other reasons, thousands are using all their political and educational powers as Georgians without wearing tags. There are scores of university and college professors, who are teaching the Georgian philosophy to thousands of students who would resent being tagged. The same is true of bishops, priests and ministers of various denominations preaching it from their pulpits. There are Single Taxers who are not Georgians, but no Georgians who are not Single Taxers."

A Georgian has a philosophy—a Single Taxer may have merely a fiscal reform. This fact makes of the Georgians a dis-

tinct school of thought that is larger than a cult, bigger than a state and greater than a nation.

Personally, I am proud of being a Georgian and jealous of the distinction with all that it implies; that is why I want the name spelled rightly and pronounced correctly."—EDMUND NORTON.

PERSONAL.

William McNair, Single Taxer and member of the Pittsburg bar, addressed the Social Institute of the Beneficent Congregational Church at Providence, R. I., on April 24, his subject being "Municipal Corruption."

Mr. John Sherwin Crosby is now senior member of the law firm of Crosby & Fine, 309 Broadway, this city.

R. B. Forrest is a candidate for Congress in El Reno, Okla. Mr. Forrest announces himself a Single Taxer.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

In British Columbia, where I visited recently, I found that Vancouver taxes improvements at only 25% of their value, land at full value. North Vancouver, across the bay, 5,000 population, does not tax improvements or personal property. Great activity, area 2 x 4 miles, every foot laid out in lots and offered for sale.

Victoria, on the island of Vancouver, taxes improvements at 50% of their value,

Oak Bay, adjoining Victoria, area 1½ by 3½ miles, does not tax improvements or personal property, and is growing like wildfire. All large estates are being cut up and platted into lots.

The Province (or state) of British Columbia has by law prohibited cities from taxing improvements at more than one-half their value and at the same time leaves it optional with the cities whether they tax them at all or not. And these cities have no occupation tax—that is not a tax on a business man for the privilege of engaging in a merchants enterprise.

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No Library of a Single Taxer Complete without This Book.

Gerard Winstanley, the Henry George of the Commonwealth period, has been dead over three hundred years. But his message, that "True Commonwealth Freedom lies in the free enjoyment of the Earth," is beginning to be appreciated by those to whose emancipation he unstintedly devoted his life. On Tuesday, February 11th, the Manchester unemployed visited St. George's Hill, Weybridge, to place a small altar on the scene of his heroic endeavors. Those who would know all about Winstanley and his doings should read

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By L. H. BERENS

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