

## UNITED STATES

## FOR THE FULL GOSPEL.

Mr. J. J. Pastoriza, Mayor of Houston, sends the following pronouncement to the Public, April 6th:—

For twenty years I have had more or less experience with propaganda work, looking toward the Single tax.

First, lecturers would come to my city to make converts. The first question they usually asked was—in substance if not in the identical words—shall I tell them the real thing or shall I give it to 'em in a sugar-coated form. As for myself I am free to say that I at first for some reason or other which I do not now remember, would reply to the Singletax lecturer, "You had better touch lightly on the real thing." In other words I had got the idea that the Singletax was so very revolutionary that it would not do to shock our hearers by telling them plainly that the Singletax meant to stop all traffic in land for profit. That we Singletaxers proposed to make the earth with its natural resources open to all on the same terms, *viz.*:—That any man could have the use of as much of mother earth as he wished or could use by paying to the state or community its economic rent, instead of paying same to an individual person. That we by this law would exempt all from paying all other forms of taxes, as now levied. That now a tenant pays the landlord the economic rent and in addition pays to the state taxes sufficient to conduct its activities.

Later on I saw very truly that we Singletaxers acted as though we were really afraid that we might get the Singletax, so we kept on giving it to our auditors in sugar-coated doses, as though we were ashamed of the philosophy which we had espoused. Within the past few years I have decided that we have all made a mistake and should correct it at once by preaching the Singletax as written by Henry George, or stop claiming that we are Singletaxers.

J. J. PASTORIZA.

Houston, Texas

## THE EARTH THAT GOD MADE.

This is the Earth that God made,  
These are the Timber and Coal and Oil  
And Water Powers and fertile Soil  
That belong to us all in spite of the gall  
Of the Grabbers and Grafters who forestall  
The natural rights and needs of all  
Who live on the Earth that God made.

These are the Corporate Snakes that coil  
Around the Timber and Coal and Oil  
And Water Powers and fertile Soil  
Which belong to us all in spite of the gall  
Of the Grabbers and Grafters who forestall  
The natural rights and needs of all  
Who live on the Earth that God made.

These are the Lords of Mill and Mine  
Who act as if they were divine  
Who can't read the writing on the wall  
But admire the skill and excuse the gall  
Of the Grabbers and Grafters who forestall  
The natural rights and needs of all  
Who live on the Earth that God made.

These are those Parsons shaven and shorn  
Who tell the workers all forlorn  
To pray for contentment night and morn  
And to bear and to suffer want and scorn  
And be lowly and meek and humbly seek  
For their just reward on the Heavenly shore  
But not on the Earth that God made.

—WILL HERFORD, in the MASSES, U.S.A.

## HENRY GEORGE, JR., MEMORIAL

Under the auspices of the New York State Single Tax League a memorial meeting for Henry George, Jr., was held on March 29 at the Lenox Avenue Unitarian Church, 121st Street and Lenox Avenue, New York City. John J. Murphy presided. The speakers were Frederic C. Leubuscher, Don Seitz, Charles Frederick Adams, Dr. Walter Medelson, and Lawson Purdy. A paper by Charles O'Connor Hennessy was read. Vocal selections were rendered by Miss Helen McCarthy. The address by Lawson Purdy was as follows:—

Henry George, the elder, saw a vision. His eyes were opened to see things as they are in all their sadness for both the poor and rich. His soul was stirred and he made a vow to seek the remedy for poverty in the midst of wealth. That is the reason the life of Henry George was worthy to be recorded. The son made the record of that life and in making that record left his own enduring monument, because it reveals his own character.

No son could have written that book unless he had true humility, and patience, and courage, and steadfastness. In addition he must have had a measure of his father's prophetic vision to picture man ennobled by the enjoyment of freedom hitherto unknown.

Henry George, the younger, made a career for himself of which any man might be proud. He was a journalist, a lecturer, an author and for two terms a member of Congress with a worthy record of achievement. To those who had the privilege of his friendship, however, it was always perfectly clear that in all he said and wrote and in every act he was moved and guided by that vision that appeared to his father.

When Henry George, senior, died at the end of the campaign for the New York mayoralty the son unhesitatingly took his father's place, and with prudence and dignity assumed the burden thrust upon him. He felt deeply the responsibility of bearing his father's name and of so fashioning his life as to advance the cause to which he was devoted.

The followers of George have always been and always will be an independent group of men and women. They have broken away from conventional habits of thought and think for themselves. It is inevitable and healthy that differences of opinion among such people should at times be expressed forcibly. Of course when such controversies arose both sides appealed to Henry George, Jr. He saw that, however important such questions might be, they rarely involved any real principle that was fundamental. He took sides seldom and kept the respect of all. When any principle seemed to be at stake he was firm in his decisions, but always patient with those who differed from him and said as his father had: "Let each one do his work in his own way." He realised that there may be diversities of gifts, but the same spirit.

Harry George had travelled very widely; he had met the leading men of radical thought and the leaders in public life in all the countries of the world. He was well read and exceedingly well informed on many subjects and yet was always more ready to hear the opinions of others than to express his own. He had met all sorts and conditions of men and was not easily deceived, but conscious of his own purity of purpose he attributed good motives to others. He had that rare gift of charity which suffereth long and is kind; is not easily provoked and thinketh no evil.

Frederic C. Leubuscher, whose personal acquaintance with Mr. George began during the first mayoralty campaign of his father, gave a detailed account of his career. Don Seitz of the NEW YORK WORLD narrated reminiscences of the times when he and George were fellow-journalists. Charles Frederick Adams, probably the oldest living New York friend of both the elder and younger Henry George, spoke of personal experiences. Dr. Walter Mendelson, physician as well as friend of the departed one, dwelt largely upon his last days.—THE PUBLIC, April 6th.