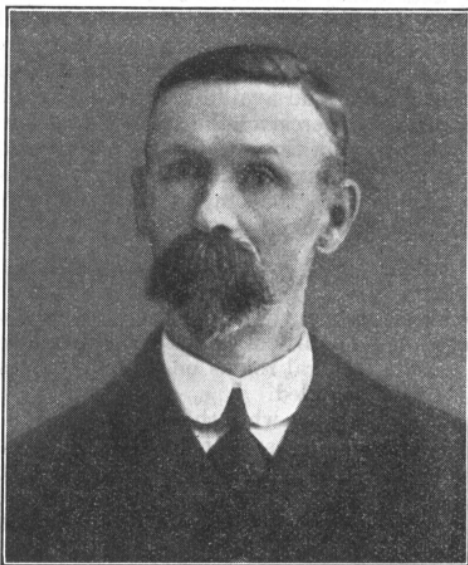


TOM CAMERON



Once more it falls to my lot to record the passing—the peaceful passing—of one of the band with whom I had early association in the Land Values movement. My personal recollection of him dates back to the early 'nineties of last century, when I visited Lennoxton, where there was a branch of the Scottish Land Restoration Union, formed after Henry George had paid his last visit to Glasgow in 1890. I understand that Mr Cameron had been a member of the earlier Scottish Land Restoration League, and had made contact with the movement about 1885.

He was 68 years of age, and had retired from business, owing to indifferent health, at the date of his death. For many years he had been manager at the Lilyburn Works, Milton-of-Campsie, one of the businesses under the control of the Calico Printers' Association. On Thursday evening, 19th January, he attended a dinner at Messrs Ferguson & Forrester's, Glasgow, to receive a presentation and the good wishes of colleagues with whom he had associated in business. He was fated not to return again to his family as he had left it, apparently well and alive. As the proceedings drew to a close it was noticed that something had gone wrong. Indeed, the worst had happened, and the sad news had to be conveyed to his wife and family.

He had lived somewhat unobtrusively and the end came quietly and peacefully; a shock to those who witnessed it, but perhaps the kind of exit one would have chosen for him.

Apart from his devotion to Henry George principles, he had many interests, not the least of which was the administration of affairs in the little town where he lived and laboured. He was for some years a representative on the Parish Council, and could have had all the representative honours for the County of Stirlingshire thrust upon him had not business prevented him from accepting.

He was fond of gardening and was consulted about rockeries and Alpine plants, on which subjects he was an authority.

His friends, as well as his relatives, are poorer by his loss, and richer by the example he set of quiet devotion to principle; of studious application of science to everyday pursuits and recreation; and by the ungrudging time he gave to administrative work.

His latest official position in the League was Chairman

of Executive, and he was a Vice-President from the beginning. Representatives of the League who attended his funeral to Lennoxton Cemetery were J. O' D. Derrick, John Kilson, William McLennan, Joseph S. Burt, Alex. M. Little, R. C. McGhee, Mungo Fairley and the writer.

Tom Cameron is survived by his wife, five sons, and four daughters, to whom the sincere sympathy of all friends of the League will be extended.—WILLIAM REID.

"TOWARD THE LIGHT"

By Mary Fels

Very many who have read the *Life of Joseph Fels*, by Mary Fels, and who have been inspired by its message, will welcome this further contribution* from the same authoress. The *Light* this book seeks to make clear is the vision that comes to one who strives after individual and social righteousness and who religiously holds to the attainment of the ideal. The book is a veritable protest against the sordid materialism and the self-seeking that everywhere dominates and governs human affairs. Science, art, industry can come to naught unless their triumphs can be harnessed to the moral perceptions that are deeply implanted in the heart of man. If we would save ourselves we must first lose ourselves in the search for the peace we profess to seek, the peace that surpasseth all understanding. The lesson Mary Fels desires to teach in brief is that if our civilization would function on a higher plane its poets, artists, dreamers and statesmen must come nearer to God, learn from Him alone how to order their lives and shape their aspirations.

As the publisher of the book says: "Devoid of any self-consciousness, Mary Fels does not philosophize or argue, but in a convincing manner all her own, in a style as if created just for her purposes, she serenely affirms her vision and leads directly toward the light. The volume is a lucid, sincere and selfless endeavour to help humanity."

Mrs Fels in this appeal to our higher nature has not for a moment let go her firm belief that the earth is for all the generations of men and cannot be wisely held by a few for their own aggrandisement. The following extracts from the book go to show how she regards the Single Tax principle to be in harmony with her faith:—

"The great efficacy of taxing land values is that it takes for society the socially-created values and leaves to the individual, brings about and makes secure for the individual, his own right relation to the land.

"... No Government is at all a fit one that does not see to it that all people have their opportunity to partake of the Father's bountiful provision. No one can deny that the provision is there, enough and more than enough, for all of God's children; how in Heaven's name does it happen that this can be cornered by a few, so that all the rest accordingly become slaves?

"It is a matter of course that the socially-created value of land should go to society, since it creates it, and not to individuals who can never as individuals give it that site value; but the consequences are a less evident matter, of course, though they follow inevitably. Take this vital one of how the use of land thus lays itself open to all. There follows, then, the flow of men back to the land and mankind thereby becomes revitalized and society can grow up healthy and wise. One may add "wealthy," but in the sense above all of spiritual wealth. No society can be healthy, can stand secure, if it kicks this fundamental basis, of close relation to the soil, from under itself."

* *Toward the Light*. (George Dobsevage, New York City.) \$2.50.