

write to John Paul. I should like you also to consider the matter, to comment upon it, and to begin to work for its success. I think you will realize that such a conference for the purpose of discussing the relations of free trade, land values and peace will be more likely to be successful than one called together for the Single Tax alone. We could get strong earnest men who are free traders, but only sympathetic to the other causes and men who are enthusiastic friends of peace, but not yet aware of the relations it bears to free trade and the taxation of land values. In this way we could get together a body of men whose deliberations would result in much of value and whose work would be given world-wide publicity.

JOHAN HANSSON.

This letter was received from Mr Hansson from Winnipeg just before his departure for New Zealand. Mr. Hansson is now presumably in Auckland. The last issue of the REVIEW omitted a reference to a dinner tendered Mr. Hansson by a few of his New York friends on his departure from this city, at which ex-Congressman Robert Baker, John J. Murphy, Edward Polak, Frederick C. Lebuscher and others participated.

We would like an expression of opinion on the suggestion of Mr. Hansson for a world conference to include representatives of the causes named. We think such a suggestion a good one. But we fear the time is too short to prepare for such a conference next year. One year is none too long to work up the details necessary to make a success of such a conference.

Editor *Single Tax Review*.

FROM F. SKIRROW.

Editor *Single Tax Review*.

I was very pleased with your note on Mr. Bagot's article. As an enthusiast I often say strong things against the government, but when one realizes what forces are at work it is much easier to make some allowance for the slowness of the legislative machine. Mr. Fels appears to have much confidence in the Labor Party, but I confess that I have none.

On our question they are no more to be trusted than the Tories, or Whigs of the Liberal Party. I have had more opposition and sneers from these men than from those of any other party.

With all good wishes,

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AGREES WITH MR. BAGOT.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I think Mr. John Bagot has done well in warning Single Taxers not to pin their faith to the English Liberal Party. The declarations of the ex-Prime Minister and his Colleagues before and during the early days of their ministerial career very naturally raised great hopes in the breasts of Single Taxers, but so far at least those hopes have not been fulfilled, and the recent retirement of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman from the Premiership seems disastrous to our cause, because he, above all the members of the Liberal Government, has shown a real knowledge of the great need for drastic land reform and an honest endeavor to deal with it (excepting the Scottish Solicitor General who has done splendid work for us.)

It is well to bear in mind the actual character and composition of the Liberal Party, which, as Mr. Fels points out, is largely made up of middle class men, many of them landowners, monopolists, and large employers of labour. Such men are, as a rule, opposed to any radical change in the social system, such as the Single Tax would accomplish, and it is not to be expected that they would voluntarily destroy their privilege by voting for any such thoroughgoing measure as the taxation of land values; and of course the government knows what degree of support to expect from their followers in any such legislation.

I believe it to be of the most vital importance that we should maintain our independence of all political parties, and this does not mean a helpless isolation, but more freedom and greater support from the thinking men of all parties. Perhaps some one will say this desirable independence still exists—I won't dispute it, but there seems to be a general