

followed by Ed. L. Hutchinson, with very interesting remarks.

Judge James G. Maguire, of San Francisco, the speaker of the evening, a life long friend and co-worker with Henry George, spoke at length on the life and great work of Mr. George, and the powerful influence for good it is having on the thought and action of the present time.

George W. Patterson, trained in New York and Chicago, in the Single Tax, took a flash light picture of the guests and arranged for a basket picnic of Single Taxers at Sycamore Grove, Sept. 18th.

Among those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Robert G. Loucks, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Fachman, George P. Keeney, James A. Ford, H. Cass Caldwell, Prof. George Starr, Winfred C. Stevens, J. W. Means, Waldo J. Wernicke, Will. Orth, G. W. Slocomb, Mrs. L. J. Anderson, Mrs. E. J. Howe, Miss Emilie P. Briggs.

THE GEORGE ANNIVERSARY IN VICTORIA, B. C.

A banquet was held at the Driad Hotel by the faithful, on the evening of Sept. 3rd. The speakers were Rev. Herbert Bigelow, Rev. William Stevenson, Mrs. C. Spofford and Alexander Raich. Dr. Ernest Hall was toastmaster. Mr. Bigelow said in part:

"When Henry George died people said that would be the end of Single Tax. Every truth, however, has been born in a manger, reared in poverty, despised and rejected of men and then crucified, but when God's truth was resurrected it was written into the laws of men.

"Christians do not sing war songs and I do not like to hear them. Already, however, I hear the tread of marching feet as the mighty host gathers for the next great struggle. I see them led by a little Welsh solicitor. It was the San Francisco printer, however, and his philosophy that made the British budget possible. I am glad we all belong to this one great race. I believe in making it the greatest in the world, not by might of arms, but by justice of its laws."

Rev. William Stevenson's topic was

"Single Tax and Social Reconstruction." Mrs. Spofford spoke on "The Other Half," in which she complimented those who arranged the programme on having introduced the innovation of a woman speaker at a mixed gathering. She showed how it was necessary to enlist women in any reform movement, as it was by this means they secured the education of children along those lines. Woman was the same woman that she was fifty years ago, but the conditions today demanded a home-maker of a different type.

Alex. Raich spoke of George as the greatest of all Americans because he stood for free trade, free land and free men.

John Jardine, member of the provincial legislature for Esquimalt district, moved, seconded by John Meston, the following resolution which is being forwarded to David Lloyd George, British chancellor of the exchequer:

"A meeting of the Single Tax Association assembled in honor of the birthday of Henry George, sends you and your co-workers assurance of our great esteem. We see in the progressive application of land value taxation the first effective and sincere attempt to remove the basic cause of poverty. We rejoice in the success of your budget as marking the beginning of a new era in the progress of mankind. We look forward with great interest to the courageous prosecution of the work which you have begun, and which has already earned for you the foremost place among the statesmen of the world.

"In this province of British Columbia, one-half the improvements of all municipalities are exempt from taxation and agricultural improvements in three of the provinces of Canada are altogether exempt. A number of our Canadian cities, including Vancouver, rely exclusively upon the land value tax in raising local revenues. The budget success has been an inspiration to all of us in Canada and we cannot believe that the day is far distant when the land value tax shall have been advanced far enough to permit of the abolition of all other provincial and Dominion taxes, and thus lead to the establishment of free trade and free land, the only hope of free men."