

edge of *what must be done*. Apathy, atrophy and death, follow each other in inevitable sequence. We must be *alive*, if we hope to *live*.

Let us labor to *make* history, not *repeat* it, that we may be justly proud and not ashamed of having lived in an age of such marvelous opportunity for service to humanity.

If the existing evil "system" is not promptly overthrown by *peaceful* means, most certainly it *will be brutally crushed* by the only means history has thus far revealed to man.

We are moving rapidly toward the grandest and happiest (because the most just) civilization the world has ever known, or toward a social cataclysm, more dire than human tongue or pen can describe.

To the moral and economical intelligence of the people of this heaven-blessed continent has fallen the duty to determine our fate, and to decide quickly.

Effect follows cause to-day with a rapidity commensurate with modern progress. It is the commanding duty of every individual to *think on these things*. To learn the way of salvation and to promote the truth of the "Right to the use of the earth," because if every child of the earth be not secured in that right no civilization can be civil, nor endure.

Justice is *not* cruel but *kind*; and Justice and love are companions, bringing peace to the world. A peace, that to the modern commercial mind "passeth understanding."

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PUBLISHED REPORT OF PROGRESS
IN GREAT BRITAIN

The United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values organized at Westminster, London, in March last have issued a report of the work done. Work done does not always mean good accomplished, but one cannot read this modest report, characterized by the business like thoroughness which marks the labors of our British comrades in the cause, without realizing that since the formation of this central committee, its activities have made for the advance of the movement in a way that furnishes a strik-

ing evidence of the value of elevated and unselfish work in a cause which almost within a few months has emerged from obscurity to a place beside the great public questions that divide parties in the United Kingdom. We say "divide" parties, but this coming question will do more. For it will put the liberalism of weak-kneed party liberals to the test, and many will be weighed in this balance and found wanting. So, too, there will be those of conservative traditions, the well meaning servants of party shibboleths, who now talk bravely of the Empire and the Union, who will not refuse the call to do battle for a movement which, though approaching in the prosaic guise of measures of Rating and Valuation, has behind it a power and potency to the touch of which a new civilization is rising, a new and greater national glory for England is being born.

The first necessary steps to the goal are set down in this report. For those who build a splendid edifice will not shrink from the dry and often laborious work of preparing the ground, and how well this has been done we may read in the brief accounts of the great demonstrations in London and Manchester, the Prime Minister's remarkable speech, the debate in Parliament in which the Land Values (Scotland) Bill was denounced by Mr. Balfour as being founded on the doctrines of Henry George, and defended by Thomas Shaw, the Lord Advocate, who spoke of Henry George as a "master mind." Then follow accounts of other great meetings, and the endorsement of the movement by many County and Town Councils.

All this and more one may read in this inspiring report prepared by the secretaries of the United Committee, Crompton Llewelyn Davies and John Paul.

THE Legislature of Texas has just passed a law assessing all property at its full value. The St. Louis Post Dispatch in a news letter from Austin speaks of it as being aimed directly at the farmer. But if so it is badly aimed. If land were assessed at its full value in Texas or anywhere it is not the farmers as a class who would pay it.

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