

cooperation. But like the foolish birds that beat their lives out against the solid masonry of the lighthouse they saw Sandhaven the wreckage of false hopes and ruined souls. For the harbor never came.

We had marked several paragraphs for quotation for the true poetry of their description, the sureness and aptness of their similes. But space will not permit.

To Miss Colbron we tender our felicitations. For the qualities inherent in the author's work could not have been transplanted from Danish into English without something more than the well equipped scholarship of the gifted translator. Something more than that—an artistic fellowship, a sureness of apprehension of the author's meaning, and a knowledge of everything the Danish writer seeks to convey—have been required of Miss Colbron as Mr. Paludan's interpreter.

—J. D. M.

CORRESPONDENCE

MR. CRAIGIE'S WORK IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

I have just returned from a four weeks speaking tour of the West Coast. You will see particulars in *March Advocate*. The farmers in that district are taking a keen interest in our principles, and we are nursing the district with a view to the next election. We have a fine lot of workers there, men who do not hesitate to drive 25 miles to attend a meeting—a striking contrast with some city people—and we are hopeful that the seats there will be won for our cause. It is hard work travelling each day and speaking each night, but it is necessary if educational work is to be done. I return to the Coast again in June to assist in a land value rating poll that is to be taken at Minnipa District Council, and I also address the Streaky Bay Council on the same question.

Immediately on my return from the coast I started speaking in connection with the Woodville District Council land value poll, taken March 24. The opposition won by a big majority as they had a big supply of cash at their disposal. This district is a land speculators paradise and they put in their money right royally to defeat the land value system of rating. They did not hesitate to wilfully misrepresent the true position regarding the districts already working under the land value principle, and the dope carried the people.

I go to Gladstone, a country town, on April 11th at the request of the Town Council to address a public meeting on land value assessment. The Council contemplates adopting that method of collecting local revenue.

Adelaide, South Australia

—E. J. CRAIGIE.

BROTHER JUSTIN AND HENRY GEORGE

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Single Taxers are interested in every phase of Henry George's career that will shed light upon his life during the period when he was working out his great philosophy. St. Mary's College was founded in San Francisco about 1867, by the late Archbishop Alemany, then Catholic Archbishop of California, and the Christian Brothers of De La Salle were placed in charge of that educational work. During the seventies Brother Justin was the President of the College. He was a man of great ability, a fine orator, and devoted to the cause of humanity as well as the education of his boys.

Brother Justin and Henry George were warm friends, and George took every opportunity of consulting his friend about his great book when it was in the making. Frequently he visited the College, which was then some five miles from the center of the city, and read the manuscript of *Progress and Poverty* to Brother Justin, who was most helpful in his criticism of it.

I have a friend who was a protege of Archbishop Alemany, who sent him to St. Mary's, where he became the prize pupil. Because of these circumstances, my friend was frequently in the company of Brother Justin, and he tells me now that when he was a boy, he often

heard Henry George read the pages of his manuscript, as they were written from time to time, to Brother Justin. He remembers one particular occasion when Brother Justin, listening to George read the latest pages of the manuscript interrupted him, saying: "Cut that out, Harry. It will alienate the" George was helped very much to a correct view of the religious aspect of his philosophy through his association with Brother Justin.

Another interesting feature of this association was that when my friend was taking his examinations at the end of the college year Brother Justin requested Henry George to come out to the college and examine him in logic. My friend tells me that George was a thorough, logician, and gave him a complete and practical examination.

This friendship between Henry George and Brother Justin existed for many years before *Progress and Poverty* was written. Those who are interested may find in the copies of the *Evening Post* during 1872 or later, when Henry George was its editor, whole pages devoted to printing the St. Patrick's Day Oration of Brother Justin and it is well worth reading today. The files of the *Post* are in the San Francisco Public Library, and also among the Henry George Collection given to the New York Public Library by Mrs. DeMille.

Brother Justin left San Francisco for New York about the same time that Henry George left here. Brother Justin then became President of Manhattan College, conducted by the Christian Brothers. No doubt he and Henry George continued their close and intimate friendship. Perhaps some of the Single Taxers of the early eighties may have known him?

San Francisco, Calif.

—E. P. TROY.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

THE news reaches us of the death of Ernest J. Foord at Newaygo, Michigan. It comes as a personal shock, for we were closely associated in the movement in Jersey City, and a real friendship grew up between us. Ernest was a devoted follower of Henry George and was attracted by the fundamentals of *Progress and Poverty* in which he never lost faith. A Single Taxer since 1886, his interest in and devotion to the cause never flagged. We shall miss his recurring letters and shall always keep an affectionate recollection of the friend who has passed out of the picture. Dear old Ernest!

IMPROVED somewhat in typographical appearance and with an interesting table of contents the *Commonwealth* of Ardmore, Pa., edited by John W. Dix, is a creditable little paper.

A GERMAN friend of Bolton Hall writes to him from Switzerland stating that the new edition of "Meyer's Lexikon" calls Henry George "the father of the land reform movement." (Bodenreformbewegung.)

HAROLD C. MILES, a young convert of Chas. LeBaron Goeller, and destined, we believe, to be one of the real leaders of the movement in future years, has a communication in the *Binghamton Sun*. He writes:

"If taxes were placed where they should be, no 'Clean-up and Paint-up' campaigns would be necessary. People would do it just for the satisfaction of having a respectable looking property; human nature is that way, but when they have to consider more taxes that is a different matter. So the fact remains—if you improve your property, you of course have that expense, but on top of that there are higher taxes to be paid for all time."

THE death of Delos F. Wilcox, former Deputy Water Commissioner of New York, and perhaps the country's leading authority on franchises and public utilities, occurred April 4th in the New York Hospital. He had been ill only a few days of pneumonia. He was educated in the University of Michigan and Columbia University and received the degree of Ph.D. from the latter. He was only 55 years of age, but had written several works on city government. He was for many years