

Postscript

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"Georgism is on the march the world 'round." So concludes a letter just received from California. Communications from England, Canada, Australia, and China confirm this statement. A recent visit to Chicago, St. Louis, and Detroit gave me additional assurance of the fact that people in these United States also are beginning to see the importance of Henry George. A friend in the middle west writes: "I was interested in a talk given at one of our societies on the American Indians. The speaker pointed out the Indians' attitude on land, how it could not belong to one, but to all, because the Great Spirit gave everybody the bounties of the earth. Because of this idea, the Indians did not understand the white man's schemes for getting his land away from him, thus it was easy to take advantage of him. This is given in the book 'Indians are People, Too,' by Ruth Muskrat Bronson, where she says, 'Land belonged to all the people, to use and to cherish.'"

A SPAR whom I met on the train and who is now taking the correspondence course writes that few people are aware of the figures given in "Whose World." She adds, "If they were, I am sure more people would be striving to correct it. I know that Henry George was deeply sincere and genuinely interested, not as an intellectual problem but because of his sympathy with the have-nots and the conditions of the world."

Dr. Benson Y. Landis, in a recent Government bulletin writes: "Meth-

ods of securing revenues from land should be such as to promote both liberty and security. We have taxed land in the United States in such a way as to discourage both. We may find that the good life can be aided by applying some of the thoughts of Henry George, who wished to encourage enterprise by tax-free improvements and by enabling the community, rather than the individual, to benefit from any increments in value."

Seventy-five men and women, prominent in Protestant, Catholic, and Jewish faiths, recently placed their signatures on a document which began: "We hold God created the world, of which the earth is a portion, with a purpose, and through His loving Providence He maintains the world for the good of human beings. Therefore, all human beings possess a direct natural right to have access to created natural resources."

These straws in the wind are very encouraging and give us renewed incentive to continue our educational program. Georgism is on the march the world 'round.