

deeply indebted to you if you will have the kindness to have sent to me a copy of the proceedings with the addresses.

G. L. HARRINGTON, Minister of Public Works and Mines, Nova Scotia.

Other letters and telegrams were received from Newton D. Baker, Senator Walsh, of Montana, Senator Copeland, of New York, Gifford Pinchot, Patrick Edward Callahan, William A. Black, of Texas, Alex. Y. Scott, of Mississippi, John Lawrence Monroe, son of Frederick H. Monroe, Senator Dill, of Washington, Congressman Kelly, of Pennsylvania, W. D. George, of Pittsburgh, W. D. Doty, of Cleveland, Emil O. Jorgenson, of Chicago, Geo. J. Bryan, of Toronto, John S. Codman, of Boston, A. G. Beecher, of Warren, Pa., John W. Davis, democratic candidate for president in 1924, Louis F. Post, and many others.

LETTER FROM POULTNEY BIGELOW TO THE HENRY GEORGE CONGRESS

My Dear Henry George in Elysium:—Blessed victim of popular ignorance and religious fanaticism!

Your name is cherished wherever men dare to think and the cause for which you suffered is dear to your faithful followers here below.

In the Elysian Fields you are happy, for there can be no bigoted priests nor self seeking politicians in the realms dear to seekers after truth. I see you in converse with your peers—I see Socrates and Plato discussing with you the mysteries of Tammany Hall; I see Benjamin Franklin asking you how his Pennsylvania could so soon degenerate from Free Trade to the poisonous doctrines of Protectionism; I see Adam Smith approaching you and also David Hume, and they wish to know why you were not elected unanimously President of the United States. And then I see the philosophers of pre-guillotine France eager to give you the accolade,—Voltaire, d'Alembert, Diderot and they ask you how it happens that a nation baptized in the streams of Liberty should today have all of its great cities ruled by an alien priesthood. And finally I perceive the great physiocrat, the noble Turgot, who like yourself surrendered all worldly advantage for the sake of his country. Turgot falls upon your neck and proclaims you his beloved one. Turgot would have spared France the agonies of her bloody revolution; and you would have spared these United States the political corruption and extravagance that follow inevitably in the wake of class legislation, protectionism, socialism and the sister fads, of which the most monstrous is compulsory schooling and the smuggling of wine.

I see Henry George planning another and a better world. The man whom his own people crucified and vilified grows each day in spiritual stature because of the truths that he proclaimed and because of the unselfishness with which he labored to spread the gospel of his "Progress and Poverty".

Had he received one penny for each copy of that great book he would have left his family rich—for from Japan to the Pillars of Hercules that book is on the shelf of every political student.

I wish I could be at the gathering at New York. But that gathering coincides with my 72d birthday and at such an age the nestors recline amongst the elders whilst the fighting falls to Achilles, Hector and such vigorous youngsters.

Your excellent Secretary of the Henry George Foundation of America knows not my whereabouts—he thinks that I am near Wall Street and that I can walk to his gathering as pilgrims from Tibet seek the holy place of Buddha near Benares.

But I am far from the metropolis of money. The roads are impossible for pedestrians—the machines maim and kill far more Americans today than ever fell at Bunker Hill or Yorktown. I do not own a motor car—nor even a horse. It I travel it must be as did Apollonius of Tyana—on his feet and leaning on a staff. He also gave away all his worldly goods in order to seek the truth. He also came from a village so remote and so small that few could find it on the map.

But Apollonius of Tyana walked with more ease from his Village under the shadow of the great range of Taurus to the shores of the

Ganges than I can today tramp the 100 miles that separate my home under the Catskills from the Council Chamber of the Henry George Foundation. Had I given more time to making money and less to a search after truth I would now have a Rolls Royce instead of a wheelbarrow in my barn.

And so God bless your cause, my dear Henry George, and bless your daughter to whom these lines go with the cordial greetings of
Your friend ever the same since 1880,

POULTNEY BIGELOW.

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