

the work he had begun, to help to bring light into dark places, to proclaim the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The anniversary was brought to an appropriate close by the reading of a paper by Mrs. Akeroyd on "Henry George—Evangelist." (published in last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.)

## The Henry George Hotel, San Francisco

MR. A. J. MILLIGAN, of San Francisco, has bought the Antler's Hotel on Powell Street and named it The Henry George. It is a well furnished hotel of 114 rooms. In each of these rooms a copy of "Progress and Poverty" will be placed with other Single Tax reading matter. There is considerable space at the rear of the lobby where it is proposed to hold lectures on economics and musical entertainments. Mr. Milligan is himself a singer of no mean ability.

While the new proprietor expects to make some money out of this venture, that is not his main object. An enthusiastic Single Taxer, he has long desired to do something to awaken interest in the cause in the city of the Golden Gate where "Progress and Poverty" was written, and this he believes is a way of doing it. The Henry George Hotel bids fair to become a rallying point for believers in the principles we cherish, and Mr. Milligan's demonstrated business ability is assurance that the institution will be successful.

A word regarding Mr. Milligan. A Canadian by birth, he came to the States while still a boy and was married early. The death of his young wife left him with two baby girls when he himself was barely twenty-one. He obtained a position as waiter in New York City. It was a hard struggle, and many a time he was in desperate circumstances. Like the great leader whose teachings have been the guiding star of his life, he suffered poverty and his mind was early directed to the social problem through bitter personal experience.

But for years now he has been a successful business man, conducting restaurant enterprises in Chicago, Vancouver, Alaska, and San Francisco. Milligan's Coffee Shop has grown and prospered. His two girls are completing a post-graduate course at the University of California, and he sees himself at the age of forty-five, a comparatively young man with an assured competence, a burning faith in social justice and a determination to do something to bring it about.

S. Edward Williams is associated with Mr. Milligan. Four years ago they met and engaged in a discussion on economics. Mr. Williams had not studied the subject deeply but they soon found they agreed on principles, and Mr. Williams is now Mr. Milligan's chef and his assist-

ant as well in the work of putting the Henry George doctrine more prominently before the people.

Mr. Milligan, like most of those who are convinced of the truth of our principles, has no fear of an opponent. The officers of the California Farm Bureau are regular patrons of the Milligan Coffee Shop, and one day the president of the Bureau, Mr. Houghton, indignant that any one should attempt to teach him anything about economics, told Mr. Milligan that he was a graduate of the the University of California and had majored in social science. Without being in the least over-awed, Mr. Milligan shot back at him: "That is just the reason why I want to teach you something about the subject because if you majored in the science you must be so thoroughly confused that you know nothing at all about it."

Then followed a series of arguments in which the President of the Farm Bureau must have found that he had a great deal to learn. This is but a sample of Mr. Milligan's proselyting work. With other members of the Farm Bureau he has been known to sit up half the night.

Readers of LAND AND FREEDOM will wish success to Mr. Milligan and the Henry George Hotel.

## Charlotte E. Hampton

THE ranks of the veterans are thinning. Another fine soul, inspired with high courage for the great fight against injustice, has passed from us with the death of Charlotte Hampton, widow of George P. Hampton, himself a comrade whose loss is felt more and more as the years go by.

A chance meeting, when George Hampton took some Single Tax work to be copied in a stenographer's office in a Western city, won him a wife and won for our ranks a comrade of unflinching courage, endowed with a rare ability for clear and honest thinking, and with a very useful training in systematic effort. Her marriage made a Single Taxer of Charlotte Pierson, and her faith never wavered while life lasted.

Charlotte Pierson was born in Kingston, Canada, but came to the United States, to the town of Trempeleau, Wisconsin, at the age of five. It was a pioneer town and the little girl grew up amid the hardships and excitements that such a life brings. To this she undoubtedly owed the rugged health that was hers until the last few years, and the indomitable spirit that never shrank from any difficulty. After her marriage to George Hampton the couple lived in Minneapolis for some few years, then came to New York. With the able assistance of his wife George Hampton edited *The National Single Taxer* in the 90's.

Those of us who were in the fight these and later years know how very much the Hamptons were in the center of things, always dependable, untiring, and holding fast to fundamentals. I have heard some new comers in the ranks speak of those years as "sterile" or "barren" or "the silent years," the immediate words escape me, but

that was the idea. George and Charlotte Hampton were not silent those years, they worked for the truth as they saw it early and late and very effectively. In those years it was necessary for women to work along their own lines in any matter of public policy, a necessity fortunately done away with now that we can enter the ranks as human beings endowed with certain political rights. In our work of those years Charlotte Hampton was a tower of strength, always ready with her time, her energy, giving her home freely for a gathering place. What appealed to me in her mental attitude was that while she was quite capable of understanding the practical fiscal side of our doctrine, and could talk intelligently about it, she believed that the inspirational side of it was first necessity in propaganda. She believed that you must first get people to want Single Tax before explaining how much more sensible a system of taxation it is. She did not find herself quite ready to die for land value taxation, but was ready at anytime to sacrifice all she had and was for justice to humanity.

George Hampton had long believed that it was necessary to make an active campaign among the farmers and inclined to that as his particular contribution to the Faith. His wife was one with him there and in 1915 the Hamptons moved to Washington, D. C., greatly missed by all their friends in New York. Mr. Hampton organized the Farmers' National Council, founded and edited its organ, *The Farmers' Open Forum*. In his work there and in New York, Mrs. Hampton was his invaluable, untiring assistant. She moved back to New York shortly after his death in 1921. But years of devoted effort and more than that, grief at the loss of her life-companion, broke the splendid health that had upheld her for so long. Whenever she could be at a meeting or other gatherings, her very presence cheered and inspired those who had worked with her in the old days. All Single Taxers were her friends. But there are some of us to whom death brings a sense of personal loss as well, the loss of one who was not only a good comrade but a personal friend to know whom was to love her.

—GRACE COLBRON.

#### EDITORIAL NOTE

CHARLOTTE E. HAMPTON was one of the founders of the *Single Tax Review* (now known as LAND AND FREEDOM) in association with the present editor in July, 1901. In January, 1903, she ceased her connection with this paper. In commenting on her departure from the editorial staff we wrote in the issue of that date: "We regret to part editorial company, for our associate has been of great service to the *Review* in many ways. There is hardly a Single Taxer from one end of the country to the other, whether active or otherwise, whom she does not know. Her twelve years of service have made her hosts of friends, and her receptive sympathies have called forth many confidences from those she never saw, men

and women who had in common with her perhaps only the social ends of justice. It is something to have done such work in the world, and to have inspired such friendships."

To the tribute of her old friend Grace Colbron little can be added. Mrs. Hampton was a fine and gentle spirit. Among the women of the movement she stood foremost for many years. She had a keen business sense and it was due to her, even more than to George P. Hampton, that a circulation of seven thousand was built up for the old *National Single Taxer*. She leaves a record of unselfish devotion to the cause that deserves our grateful benediction.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Florence Hampton Carter, of this city.

## James W. Hill

FROM 1885, when he became a convert to our doctrines through the reading of "Progress and Poverty", there have been few more active advocates of our cause than James W. Hill, of Peoria, Ill. On the morning of January 12 of this year he ceased from his labors at the age of 78.

A record of his work for the cause would occupy many columns of LAND AND FREEDOM. He arranged for meetings in Peoria for both Dr. McGlynn and Henry George. The first named spoke at the Peoria Opera House, and in 1896 Henry George addressed a monster meeting that crowded the big hall to the doors. He financed a unique campaign for the Single Tax in the Red Van, a covered wagon drawn by a horse. From this wagon Mr. Hill delivered many an address and distributed great quantities of literature. He travelled from town to town and spread the gospel effectively over quite a period.

His home was a rendezvous for Single Taxers. Here stayed for many years Robert Cumming, one of the well known poets of the movement. J. R. Hermann stopped at his hospitable home from his campaign in Delaware on his return to Oregon.

He was for a number of years President of the Peoria Single Tax Club and was instrumental in securing a number of assignments for John Z. White. For the last several years of his life owing to failing eyesight which finally resulted in total blindness he was unable to engage in active work for the cause, but retained his interest and to the last was a subscriber to LAND AND FREEDOM.

He had accumulated a lot of interesting relics from his long connection with the movement, and these were recently consigned to Benjamin W. Burger, to be preserved with the rest of the memorabilia collection by that gentleman and ultimately to be housed in the birthplace of Henry George recently acquired by the Henry George Foundation.

Mr. Hill was the pioneer of our movement in Peoria. His devotion to our gospel was great enough to urge him