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First word

WELCOME TO THE second issue of the redesigned *Land & Liberty*. For the past 24 years the magazine has had the great benefit of Fred Harrison as editor. He has decided to

concentrate on his work for the Centre for Land Policy Studies and has resigned from the editorship of the magazine.

Throughout, Fred has given us his best professional experience, learnt as a national newspaper journalist and editor. The Foundation and *Land & Liberty* have drawn on his many contacts, and the interest created by his writings and publications. He has brought us a deep knowledge of the economic and political importance of the role of rent, of its producers and appropriators, and of the dramatic impact that the struggle for rent has had on human history and culture. The Henry George Foundation as a whole would like to thank Fred for his long and effective work.

In the mid-1990s when *Land & Liberty* was short of an art editor, I foolishly offered to lay out the magazine on my computer. I had never done any such work before but Fred was always humorous, encouraging and open to every suggestion. It was a real pleasure working with him, as it will be in other ways in the future.

In time we hope to publish an index to *Land & Liberty*, accompanied by articles chosen by Fred. In this issue we have chosen an extract from the archive, which features the playwright George Bernard Shaw talking about the influence Henry George had on his beliefs and on his life.

This now seems a good moment to reaffirm the purpose for which *Land & Liberty* exists, and our commitment to it.

The Henry George Foundation intends that *Land & Liberty* should speak not just for itself or for the Foundation, but be a principal means by which the global Georgist movement increases understanding of its philosophy among key opinion formers worldwide, especially where there is political transition.

Consequently, it is addressed to those who may never have heard of the ideas and beliefs of Henry George. It seeks not only to analyse current political concerns, but also to provoke new areas of debate. The articles will continue to be well informed about the issues that engage people generally, and our presentation and language aim to be accessible to any reader.

To help us with this we have taken on the services of the publishing firm Wrap, who began a redesign of the magazine, working with Fred, on the last issue.

We hope you like the changes and the Henry George Foundation will be using Wrap's expertise to promote *Land & Liberty* much more widely.

Nicholas Dennys

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Our apologies

Due to an unfortunate oversight, the last issue of *Land & Liberty* carried the incorrect issue number on the front cover. This should have been number 1201, rather than number 1200. We apologise for this error.

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