

Ans
Boston July 2nd 1896

Dear Mr George:-

I am proud to receive yours of the 23rd unexpected, and with all your engrossments I am afraid hardly justifiable. I showed it to Mr Garrison. He cannot agree with us on Miss Willard. He thinks she is a trimmer and got her desserts. Whether she is a trimmer or not I am not judge, but I do not think the proof appeared anywhere in the Delaware Episode. Notwithstanding her handsome Declaration I doubt very much if with her other activities she really understands the Single Tax, but was on the way, just starting out on the road to Damascus when Mr Milliken drove her back. Mr Garrison has had a set to with her and Lady Somerset upon, I think, the color line in W G T U work and seems to entertain much the same opinion of her that Mr Milliken does, perhaps more mildly expressed. He says in amount that no indiscretion of its advocates can hurt the truth and quotes as precedent for Milliken methods the old anti-slavery people who spent he says half their time combatting among themselves, and I guess it was so!

It may be rank heresy, but I cannot help thinking that unnecessary antagonisms transformed a small anti-union minority into a sweeping secession majority, and added half a million lives to the cost of abolition. I am sure it is the fault of Single Taxers themselves that their cause does not make many times the headway that it is making. Mr Bolton Hall seems inclined to put his valuable seal upon peace measures, and good may yet come from this little agitation within the party.

Enclosed is a letter just received from the young Wakefield Apothecary, convert of last Winter's campaign. If he can only

get the time he will do good work. He it was that invited me to talk Single Tax to the Alumni of the Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, of which he is President, at their annual dinner at Young's Hotel, and Mr Garrison kindly substituted while I attended the great money raising at the Lenox Lyceum. The names were cut from the letter so that use may be made of it in Committee without disclosing the author.

Mr Stephenson wrote me another letter some time since (copy enclosed together with my answer) which I hope may end activities of this kind for a while.

Enclosed is also copy of a little "Declaration" upon which Mr Hall and myself are agreed, and perhaps he will be asking your opinion of ^{it} and Mr Johnson's. I would like to know it if he does not. He thinks it might do good to promulgate something of this sort.

Now I feel like apologizing for spinning so long a story and hope for absolution.

Very Sincerely Yours

C. B. McElhiney