

ANN EDWARDS

A long-time member of the IU and Georgist activist, Ann Edwards of Wales died December 26. She had a Quaker funeral. A few months before she died she sent us the following communication:

"By chance I have drawn No. 65 of the Georgist Journal (Autumn 1989) from a cupboard and Marian Ray's article reminded me that old soldiers never die. There are a few other names I would like to add but especially Andrew McLaren the M.P.

"Is it because in our turn we have not been such good fighters that the opportunities of those days have been lost? Graham Peace lived at the bottom of our road and he and my father and a few others met most Sunday mornings at Speakers Corner in Finsbury Park. They had a good following, but the Black Shirts gave Authority the opportunity to close it down. Street corner meetings were allowed and Stanley Blundell (Vic's brother) built a platform with my father and they often spoke in the evenings. Our people were evidently effective enough to activate the opposition. We still have a hard fight but the victory is coming.

"When I look at Graham Peace's book The Great Robbery, I am always amazed at the amount of work he put into it. No book could possibly have more detailed analysis on the land question. The information is English, Irish and Scottish. Were we Welsh left out because we had more family farms?"

(Graham Peace's The Great Robbery is very scarce today, but there is a copy in the library of the New York Henry George School.)