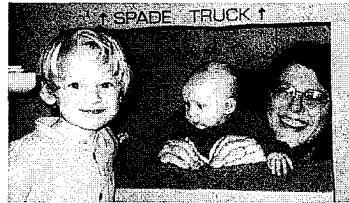


## A Note from the Editor...

It has taken quite a long time to get this issue of the *Journal* to you. Please accept my apology for that. Many events delayed me, including the birth of our second child, Francesca, last October! Progress was also hindered by a catastrophic computer failure in December. And, the various georgist education projects you will read about herein have kept your HGI staff very busy indeed. But it has been too long, and we promise to return to our quarterly schedule forthwith. As always, your contributions are eagerly invited!



Eli, Francie and Lisa

## And a Letter

Editor: Please excuse a further word on my book's cover, but Alan Torrance's splendid dragon is a bit enigmatic without the accompanying wording! At the foot of the picture is "*Pro Libertate*. The Wallace Coat of Arms pre 1925" and above "It's comin yet for a' that... Robert Burns". (And need we say, Burns is right!)

I warmed to Mark Sullivan's words in his article: "We need to make our work more relevant to current issues...social justice...globalization" and to Marion Sapiro's call for "publications focused on contemporary issues". I agree. It is for this reason that my book has chapters on drugs, Suicides, Prisons, Racism, New World Order, the "Work" Charade, Gene-Fix, Techno-Fix, water, soil and health... with the linking back of *all* to rotten land tenure.

The state of Scotland today is more or less the state of every country — held to ransom by monopoly capitalism, stemming from land monopoly, which has naturally built its unerring power structure right into government. But the Scots, linking with the new-age bioregional movement, and taking full independence, could pioneer the bypassing of today's corrupt centralized power, and set up a true, minimalist Parliament, its power stemming from and anchored firmly into grass-roots level.

*Our Enemy the State* by the American Georgist A. J. Nock, quoted extensively in my book — an essential illuminator of the Georgist path today for its political insights a hundred years after Henry George — should, in my view, be included in every Georgist course presented.

Finally: perhaps it is not so important that our publications are highly "professional" as that they reach out to those whom the professionals — in every walk of life — have so cruelly failed. I must say that I do not see professionalism, or professionals, as changing the world.

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