

Harry Weinberger

Harry Weinberger died, at 58, of a heart attack on March 5, at his home on lower Fifth Avenue, New York.

Mr. Weinberger worked his way through New York University Law School and, in 1908, was admitted to the bar. "My philosophy," which he wrote while still a young man, shows his spirit. "The longest road," he said, "has an end. Let me travel it hopefully and get the cheer and beauty of the road as I go, finding myself sufficient inside for all tasks, despite all storms. Let me struggle for the attainment of my ideals; do some good each day and help the world find liberty

and justice. In the city let me see the sun and the sky, the moon and the stars; in the marts of men hear the strains of fine melody, and in the muck of life find the glorious and idealistic in men and women."

When the civil liberties of an individual were threatened, Mr. Weinberger came forward to fight for them. He served without fee as counsel for Emma Goldman and Aleander Berkman in their fight against deportation to Russia. He was chief of the legal staff of Grover Cleveland Bergdoll.

Harry Weinberger, early in his career, became a follower of Henry George. In "Progress and Poverty," he said he found the only true remedy for poverty and war. Whether addressing a large audience, as he often did, or chatting with friends around a dinner table, he always brought in something about the Single Tax. Accused once of "dragging it in by the heels," he replied proudly, "Hell, no! I bear it aloft like a banner." Mr. Weinberger was main speaker at a dinner at Town Hall Club last September when the one hundred and fourth anniversary of George's birth was celebrated. His speech is now in pamphlet form, published by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

The funeral service was held at Riverside Chapel on March 8. Dr. Richard Hoffman, a boyhood friend, Lawson Purdy, ex-president of the Board of Tax Assessors, New York, who is President of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, John Haynes Holmes, pastor of Community Church and S. Jay Kaufmann, journalist, paid tribute to one who, as Mr. Purdy said, "could be measured great by the greatness of the things with which he busied himself." After the service the body was borne to Mount Hebron.

Mr. Weinberger left a sum of money to the New York County Lawyers Association, to be used, according to the will, "to purchase worthwhile books for the library on Constitutional liberty and democracy, it being my belief that the greatest work the bar can do for itself and for the nation is to be well informed on liberty and democracy, and thus be in a position to protect and keep this nation on the path of liberty."