

SAMUEL SEABURY

At historic Trinity Church in downtown New York at noontime on May 9th somber limousines lined the narrow streets as notables of an earlier generation gathered for the last rites of an esteemed friend, Samuel Seabury—former jurist and a fighter for good government for more than fifty years. At the age of twenty-four he was already outstanding enough to be nominated for alderman by the Citizens Union, but he preferred to campaign for Henry George, the mayoralty candidate.

Judge Seabury was devoted to Lawson Purdy, so beloved by Georgists. He was present on the occasion of a celebration in honor of Mr. Purdy's 86th birthday, and his statement at that time shows his strong feeling for Henry George and his fellow worker in that cause: "The name of Lawson Purdy has for many years occupied an honored place among civic-minded citizens. He has been a valued friend of mine ever since the early days when we found a common inspiration in the ideals proclaimed by Henry George. He caught the vision of a just society in which men should be free to reap the rewards of their own labor. That vision has never deserted him through his long and distinguished career."