

Arden, Delaware

Celebration of Henry George's Birth

The annual meeting to commemorate the birthday of Henry George was held at the Woodland Theatre, Arden, Delaware, on Sunday, September 5th at 3 P. M. This little open-air theatre on the edge of the forest of Arden, which has been dedicated to freedom, was one of the first things Frank Stephens built soon after founding Arden.

Frank Stephens' ashes lie beneath the great stone, which makes the natural background of the stage. Many meetings have been held here Each year on the Sunday nearest his birthday Georgists and friends gather to honor Henry George. Speakers at Sunday's meetings were Margaret E. Bateman, Jean Lackey and Lancaster Greene, of New York, Dr. Henry George 3rd of Wilmington, Delaware, and George A. Warren of Washington. D. C. Julian P. Hickok of Philadelphia, presided and Arden's senior trustee Hamilton D. Weir, extended greetings.

In addition to those on the program some Georgists attending the meeting were Gertrude Mackenzie and Jennie Forbes of Washington, D. C., Harold Sudell of Philadelphia. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stirlity and Mrs. Josephine W. Thomas of Wilmington, and from Arden, Eleanor C. Stephen, Katherine F. Ross, Mr. and Mrs. Edward de Forest Curtis, Mary Hetzel, Miriam Hetzel, Robert P. Wollery, Mr. and Mrs. Robert McKinstry, George Bigley, Vincent McGee and Ann Ross.

Grace Isabel Colbron came to Arden to speak at the meeting but owing to illness was unable to be there. The keynote of her talk was to have been the words of Henry George, "Unless its foundations be laid in justice, the social structure cannot stand."