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Currently much is hap-
pening that is encouraging.
Land assessments are being
given a good deal of atten-
tion and underassessment
of land is being attacked
on many fronts. Cities are
upgrading their land assess-
ments, notably Chicago,
Hartford and Washington.

As we follow these devel-
opments - and try to help
them along - it is well to
recognize that at the same
time we as Georgists are
concerned with more than a
fiscal reform. By no means
should we neglect the fis-
cal means - for this is the
one concrete measure we have
of offer - but neither ought
we forget the larger vision.

We have an economic out-
look that runs the gamut of
important economic questions.
We have the goal of abolish-

ishing poverty. And we
have a philosophy that in-
cludes freedom, justice
and natural law.

To take the matter of
poverty: In illustrating
our fiscal reform, it is
helpful to use the simple
example of a piece of
land and a building and
show how a shift of the
tax to the land will en-
courage a better improve-
ment. But we want more
than better houses for
slum dwellers - we want
higher wages for them too,
and our reform aims at
that.

Articles in this is-
sue suggest some of the
aspects of the Georgist
outlook: Oscar Johann-
sen analyzes the current
monetary crisis; tributes
to Oscar Geiger reveal a
broad interpretation of
the Georgist philosophy;
and on the fiscal side,
Carl Shaw and Joseph Zash-
in are devoting time and
talent.

Oscar Geiger put it
this way: "The Single
Tax is not merely a way
of levying taxes, but the
basis of a social philo-
sophy that enters into
and improves every phase
of human life."