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It is true that results are often, but not always, discouraging. Here and there we find evidence of a growing awareness of the effect of permitting the rent of land to go to individuals. We are told that our goal is an impossible dream; we reply that every great advance was once an impossible dream. As recently as 1840 the abolition of slavery was an impossible dream, yet twenty-five years later slavery was abolished.

But we do not really know that there is so little result. We continue to do what we can; we write letters to editors, we talk to individuals, we participate, in forums, we teach classes, we correct correspondence lessons. We never know what spark of inspiration we may pass on. But we do it because it is right to do it, because it is the most important thing we can do to make the world a better place to live. The welfare measures that have been taken may alleviate the pains of poverty, but only the Georgist philosophy contains the cure for poverty.

Whether our efforts have any effect or not, we must stand up for what we believe. When one is convinced that justice requires the application of the Georgist philosophy, one is not easily discouraged. So we do what we can to get others to share our conviction.