

other owners of well improved property are at present tremendously overtaxed with results that are disastrous, and we believe that the taxes on improvements should be greatly reduced, if not abolished. On the other hand, we believe that adequate payment for the privilege of owning the locations on which homes are to be built or industry is to be carried on, constitutes the natural revenue for any municipality and is quite sufficient for the purposes of revenue. We therefore, submit for your attention a statement "Ground Rent, The Natural Municipal Income," which indicates clearly, we believe, that we ought to secure immediately more nearly adequate payment for the privilege of exclusive possession of the opportunities afforded by titles to land, and thus make it possible to reduce greatly or to abolish the taxes on home owning and on industry.

The names of the individuals associated with me join in requesting that you give this matter careful consideration.

Yours respectfully,

John S. Codman (and 14 associates.)

NOTE.—The letter entitled "Ground Rent, The Natural Municipal Income" is omitted as it covers technical ground familiar to Georgeists. It would be an excellent model for similar use. We know of no state where the situation differs from that of Massachusetts.—ED.

MR. AND MRS. JOHN H. WAMBOUGH of Suffern, N. Y., announce the arrival of a son on May 31—John Howard, Jr. Mrs. Wambough (nee Annette Kaufmann) served the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation as executive secretary for many years. She also has a charming little daughter.

THE Georgeists of Philadelphia will celebrate the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Henry George by giving a dinner in his honor on Saturday evening, September 9, at 7 P. M.

They extend a most cordial invitation to all to be present that evening at Kugler's Restaurant, 15th Street, north of Chestnut.

They have a very interesting programme and are looking forward to the largest affair of its kind ever held in Philadelphia. They will feature an unexcelled dinner, fine speakers. There will be an entertainment and awarding of certificates to recent graduates of the Henry George School of Social Science.

MISS HELEN DENBIGH has sent us a letter from Mr. Emil Knips of Fairhope, Alabama. Mr. Knips expressed his deep regard for Joseph Dana Miller and a marked appreciation of the Memorial Number of LAND AND FREEDOM, noting in particular the tribute by Mrs. Emily F. Skeel and the article Economics vs. Atheism, by Mrs. Minnie Adams. Mr. Knips is nearly eighty years old and signs himself "a Georgeist on the job."

MRS. MARY J. MCCrackEN PURDY, wife of Lawson Purdy, president of the Schalkenbach Foundation, passed away on July 2 after a long illness. She was seventy-seven years of age.

Mrs. Purdy was the daughter of John and Anna Pamella Sanford McCracken. Her father, a relative of Chancellor McCracken of Trinity College, was the pastor of American Episcopal Churches in Germany and Italy, where most of Mrs. Purdy's early childhood and youth were spent. She was a woman of exceptional brilliance and culture, a linguist and devoted to the arts. After their marriage in 1885, Mr. and Mrs. Purdy spent two years in Europe. From then on they resided in New York. Through Mr. Purdy's interest in the teachings of Henry George, Mrs. Purdy became an ardent advocate of the Single Tax.

Funeral services were held on July 5 at the Chapel of the Inter-

cession, Trinity Church, New York City. Burial was in Christ Church Ground, Ryc, N. Y.

ANOTHER of the veterans has departed from our midst. Edmund K. Greene of Clear Lake, Iowa, passed unto the rest eternal on May 22 at the age of eighty-six. This leaves only one of the large family of eleven children, a brother, who resides in Middletown, New York. All of the Greene family were Single Taxers, possessed fine minds and were at all times outspoken advocates of the philosophy of Henry George.

HARRY W. STONE, for thirty-six years general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of Portland, Oregon, died at his home in that city, Monday, June 19, 1939, at the age of seventy-one years. He was ill for several weeks prior to his death. His active career in Y. M. C. A. work ended in July, 1932.

Harry Stone's death removes one more of the active and conscientious workers in the Single Tax movement of the early part of this century. From 1909 to 1912 he was treasurer of the funds of the campaign for the enactment of an initiative Single Tax measure in the state of Oregon, being directed by W. S. U'Ren and financed primarily by the contributions of Joseph Fels. Harry Stone suffered personal obloquy for his connection with the movement. The prejudice stirred up against him became so pronounced that it was a question of his resigning from active participation in the Single Tax movement or of sacrificing his life's avocation. He did not resign, however, until after the campaign was over.

Those who are familiar with the depth of animosity that was stirred up throughout Oregon when the success of this campaign for the taxation of land-values was imminent, will appreciate the depth of the sacrifice which such men as Harry Stone and W. S. U'Ren had to make. It is a privilege to pay tribute to them for their personal contributions of heroism.

Harry Stone was born at Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, November 7, 1868. Of his immediate family, his widow, two sons and a daughter survive him.

IN a news item in the *London Telegraph* appeared the following:

When Viscount Snowden, the village boy who rose to become Chancellor of the Exchequer, died last year, his ashes were scattered on Ickornshaw Moor, near Keighley, Yorkshire, the countryside he knew as a boy, and for which he retained an undying affection to the end of his days.

Yesterday a Cairn was dedicated to his memory on this very spot, and the unveiling ceremony was performed by Viscount Sankey, a former Lord Chancellor, who was an intimate friend of Lord Snowden, throughout his political life.

Lord Sankey paid a warm tribute to his friend as a statesman who pursued his ideals with dauntless courage and as a man of unblemished life.

"Philip Snowden's great gift," he said, "was the gift of burning earnestness. You could see the man's soul shining through his face, the habit of a stainless life and of enthusiasm for high ideals. You felt you were listening not to a politician, but a prophet. He never hesitated to take the *unpopular* side if he thought it was the *right* one.

"This Cairn," Lord Sankey added, "will proclaim to all who pass by, the memory of a man who did a great work for England and whose records show that those who come from the humblest homes may take their share in guiding the destinies of our Empire.

"And so we bid him 'Hail,' but not 'Farewell.'

"His spirit still lives on, and as long as our country can raise up men like Philip Snowden, England shall yet stand."

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