

that was the idea. George and Charlotte Hampton were not silent those years, they worked for the truth as they saw it early and late and very effectively. In those years it was necessary for women to work along their own lines in any matter of public policy, a necessity fortunately done away with now that we can enter the ranks as human beings endowed with certain political rights. In our work of those years Charlotte Hampton was a tower of strength, always ready with her time, her energy, giving her home freely for a gathering place. What appealed to me in her mental attitude was that while she was quite capable of understanding the practical fiscal side of our doctrine, and could talk intelligently about it, she believed that the inspirational side of it was first necessity in propaganda. She believed that you must first get people to want Single Tax before explaining how much more sensible a system of taxation it is. She did not find herself quite ready to die for land value taxation, but was ready at anytime to sacrifice all she had and was for justice to humanity.

George Hampton had long believed that it was necessary to make an active campaign among the farmers and inclined to that as his particular contribution to the Faith. His wife was one with him there and in 1915 the Hamptons moved to Washington, D. C., greatly missed by all their friends in New York. Mr. Hampton organized the Farmers' National Council, founded and edited its organ, *The Farmers' Open Forum*. In his work there and in New York, Mrs. Hampton was his invaluable, untiring assistant. She moved back to New York shortly after his death in 1921. But years of devoted effort and more than that, grief at the loss of her life-companion, broke the splendid health that had upheld her for so long. Whenever she could be at a meeting or other gatherings, her very presence cheered and inspired those who had worked with her in the old days. All Single Taxers were her friends. But there are some of us to whom death brings a sense of personal loss as well, the loss of one who was not only a good comrade but a personal friend to know whom was to love her.

—GRACE COLBRON.

EDITORIAL NOTE

CHARLOTTE E. HAMPTON was one of the founders of the *Single Tax Review* (now known as LAND AND FREEDOM) in association with the present editor in July, 1901. In January, 1903, she ceased her connection with this paper. In commenting on her departure from the editorial staff we wrote in the issue of that date: "We regret to part editorial company, for our associate has been of great service to the *Review* in many ways. There is hardly a Single Taxer from one end of the country to the other, whether active or otherwise, whom she does not know. Her twelve years of service have made her hosts of friends, and her receptive sympathies have called forth many confidences from those she never saw, men

and women who had in common with her perhaps only the social ends of justice. It is something to have done such work in the world, and to have inspired such friendships."

To the tribute of her old friend Grace Colbron little can be added. Mrs. Hampton was a fine and gentle spirit. Among the women of the movement she stood foremost for many years. She had a keen business sense and it was due to her, even more than to George P. Hampton, that a circulation of seven thousand was built up for the old *National Single Taxer*. She leaves a record of unselfish devotion to the cause that deserves our grateful benediction.

She leaves a daughter, Mrs. Florence Hampton Carter, of this city.

James W. Hill

FROM 1885, when he became a convert to our doctrines through the reading of "Progress and Poverty", there have been few more active advocates of our cause than James W. Hill, of Peoria, Ill. On the morning of January 12 of this year he ceased from his labors at the age of 78.

A record of his work for the cause would occupy many columns of LAND AND FREEDOM. He arranged for meetings in Peoria for both Dr. McGlynn and Henry George. The first named spoke at the Peoria Opera House, and in 1896 Henry George addressed a monster meeting that crowded the big hall to the doors. He financed a unique campaign for the Single Tax in the Red Van, a covered wagon drawn by a horse. From this wagon Mr. Hill delivered many an address and distributed great quantities of literature. He travelled from town to town and spread the gospel effectively over quite a period.

His home was a rendezvous for Single Taxers. Here stayed for many years Robert Cumming, one of the well known poets of the movement. J. R. Hermann stopped at his hospitable home from his campaign in Delaware on his return to Oregon.

He was for a number of years President of the Peoria Single Tax Club and was instrumental in securing a number of assignments for John Z. White. For the last several years of his life owing to failing eyesight which finally resulted in total blindness he was unable to engage in active work for the cause, but retained his interest and to the last was a subscriber to LAND AND FREEDOM.

He had accumulated a lot of interesting relics from his long connection with the movement, and these were recently consigned to Benjamin W. Burger, to be preserved with the rest of the memorabilia collection by that gentleman and ultimately to be housed in the birthplace of Henry George recently acquired by the Henry George Foundation.

Mr. Hill was the pioneer of our movement in Peoria. His devotion to our gospel was great enough to urge him

to face undauntedly the prejudice visited on advocates of unpopular causes. He stood sturdily for the truth where others were content to remain quiescent.

On the night of January 13 when about 70 Single Taxers assembled, Mr. C. J. Ewing, of Peoria, paid a tribute to his departed friend and related a few of the incidents in his life.

Mr. Hill did not allow his work for the cause to alienate him from civic service and helpfulness to others. The *Peoria Journal* says of him:

Mr. Hill was noted for his kindness of heart and no appeal for aid was ever made to him in vain by any worthy person. For seven years he held the chairmanship of the Citizen's Waterworks committee of Peoria, and it is estimated that he saved the people more than \$100,000 by his efforts on their behalf. He was also the democratic nominee for congress in 1908, and though defeated, made an honorable and memorable campaign.

The *Journal* pays this tribute to our dead friend:

In spite of his distinguished mental gifts and the wide fund of knowledge he had accumulated by a lifetime of reading, Mr. Hill was singularly lacking in personal ambitions. His chosen task was to promote the welfare of the mass of the people and to that end he devoted an amount of effort and ability which might have lifted him to eminence.

Dr. Charles L. Babcock

BORN in 1863 in Illinois, Dr. Charles L. Babcock, of Manitowac, Wisconsin, died February 26 of this year. The funeral was held in Milwaukee with interment at Forest Home Cemetery in that city. For many years he practiced medicine in Milwaukee and but three years ago retired from active practice and took up his home in Manitowac. He leaves a widow and two daughters, one of whom is a member of the High School faculty of Manitowac.

The *Manitowac Pilot* comments on the death of our friend as follows:

Dr. Babcock's going will be keenly felt. He had an unusually attractive personality. A native dignity was combined with a lively sense of humor. Everyone liked him. There was nothing of "swank," pretense or pose. He was delightful company. His going will leave a void in the local Kiwanis Club where he was active and popular.

The same revelation that Henry George said made a "faith that was dead revive" came to Dr. Babcock shortly after the George-Hewitt-Roosevelt campaign in New York in 1886, and life had for him a new interest and charm that never waned. Without being a bore about it he never refused an opportunity of openly, willingly and proudly helping along the Single Tax cause, the adoption of which he was firmly convinced would rectify all the major social ills of our civilization.

A true gentleman has gone on to the place reserved for those who loved men and were unafraid.

Progress in Denmark

RECENTLY Dr. Axel Dam, member of the Justice Party of Denmark, who with the Rev. T. C. Willesen, was elected a member of the Danish Rigsdag at the last election, was congratulated by President Charles O'Connor Hennessy of the International Union for the taxation of Land Values and Free Trade. To Mr. Hennessy's letter Dr. Dam responded as follows under date of February 6th. "Dear Mr. President:

I thank you heartily for your kind felicitation, and can assure you that my associate, the Rev. T. C. Willesen, is also a follower of Henry George as to land values and free trade; else he could not be a member of the League of Justice, which is a pure Single Tax party and will abolish all other taxes.

We have had a great progress and hope for still more at the next election, because now people are not afraid of wasting their votes in giving them to our candidates.

With kind regards."

Yours sincerely,

AXEL DAM, M. P.

Dr. Dam represents a Copenhagen district and Pastor Williams the town of Randers in Jutland. The campaign was made on the Single Tax without compromise.

Dr. Dam is a forceful personality and a brilliant and commanding speaker. Dr. Willesen is a leading influence in the community. Both are young men and full of fight. It will be interesting to watch their careers in office.

Speaking of Denmark, we learn from the recently published Index issued by the New York Trust Co. that this forward looking nation is the only European country that has increased its export trade by 100% or more between 1913 and 1925.

Anything to Build Houses

DARWIN R. JAMES, board chairman State Housing Commission, says private citizens will organize limited dividend companies to build low-rent dwellings as soon as the city changes its way of taxing land and buildings.

Take the tax off the building, urges James. Put the whole tax on the land the building stands on. Let the tax go up or down with the land's value. Don't tax the building for twenty or thirty years. That, he says, will encourage building, while rent laws only discourage landlords.

Having made this proposal, James will probably spend most of his time up to next July 4 in digging out from under great piles of letters from Single Taxers.

But if such a taxation change will help to get houses built, let's have the change. It is going to be hard enough under any circumstances, to induce results through the housing plan wished on us by those who knew so much more than Al Smith.—N. Y. *Daily News*.