

the work he had begun, to help to bring light into dark places, to proclaim the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man.

The anniversary was brought to an appropriate close by the reading of a paper by Mrs. Akeroyd on "Henry George—Evangelist." (published in last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.)

The Henry George Hotel, San Francisco

MR. A. J. MILLIGAN, of San Francisco, has bought the Antler's Hotel on Powell Street and named it The Henry George. It is a well furnished hotel of 114 rooms. In each of these rooms a copy of "Progress and Poverty" will be placed with other Single Tax reading matter. There is considerable space at the rear of the lobby where it is proposed to hold lectures on economics and musical entertainments. Mr. Milligan is himself a singer of no mean ability.

While the new proprietor expects to make some money out of this venture, that is not his main object. An enthusiastic Single Taxer, he has long desired to do something to awaken interest in the cause in the city of the Golden Gate where "Progress and Poverty" was written, and this he believes is a way of doing it. The Henry George Hotel bids fair to become a rallying point for believers in the principles we cherish, and Mr. Milligan's demonstrated business ability is assurance that the institution will be successful.

A word regarding Mr. Milligan. A Canadian by birth, he came to the States while still a boy and was married early. The death of his young wife left him with two baby girls when he himself was barely twenty-one. He obtained a position as waiter in New York City. It was a hard struggle, and many a time he was in desperate circumstances. Like the great leader whose teachings have been the guiding star of his life, he suffered poverty and his mind was early directed to the social problem through bitter personal experience.

But for years now he has been a successful business man, conducting restaurant enterprises in Chicago, Vancouver, Alaska, and San Francisco. Milligan's Coffee Shop has grown and prospered. His two girls are completing a post-graduate course at the University of California, and he sees himself at the age of forty-five, a comparatively young man with an assured competence, a burning faith in social justice and a determination to do something to bring it about.

S. Edward Williams is associated with Mr. Milligan. Four years ago they met and engaged in a discussion on economics. Mr. Williams had not studied the subject deeply but they soon found they agreed on principles, and Mr. Williams is now Mr. Milligan's chef and his assist-

ant as well in the work of putting the Henry George doctrine more prominently before the people.

Mr. Milligan, like most of those who are convinced of the truth of our principles, has no fear of an opponent. The officers of the California Farm Bureau are regular patrons of the Milligan Coffee Shop, and one day the president of the Bureau, Mr. Houghton, indignant that any one should attempt to teach him anything about economics, told Mr. Milligan that he was a graduate of the the University of California and had majored in social science. Without being in the least over-awed, Mr. Milligan shot back at him: "That is just the reason why I want to teach you something about the subject because if you majored in the science you must be so thoroughly confused that you know nothing at all about it."

Then followed a series of arguments in which the President of the Farm Bureau must have found that he had a great deal to learn. This is but a sample of Mr. Milligan's proselyting work. With other members of the Farm Bureau he has been known to sit up half the night.

Readers of LAND AND FREEDOM will wish success to Mr. Milligan and the Henry George Hotel.

Charlotte E. Hampton

THE ranks of the veterans are thinning. Another fine soul, inspired with high courage for the great fight against injustice, has passed from us with the death of Charlotte Hampton, widow of George P. Hampton, himself a comrade whose loss is felt more and more as the years go by.

A chance meeting, when George Hampton took some Single Tax work to be copied in a stenographer's office in a Western city, won him a wife and won for our ranks a comrade of unflinching courage, endowed with a rare ability for clear and honest thinking, and with a very useful training in systematic effort. Her marriage made a Single Taxer of Charlotte Pierson, and her faith never wavered while life lasted.

Charlotte Pierson was born in Kingston, Canada, but came to the United States, to the town of Trempeleau, Wisconsin, at the age of five. It was a pioneer town and the little girl grew up amid the hardships and excitements that such a life brings. To this she undoubtedly owed the rugged health that was hers until the last few years, and the indomitable spirit that never shrank from any difficulty. After her marriage to George Hampton the couple lived in Minneapolis for some few years, then came to New York. With the able assistance of his wife George Hampton edited *The National Single Taxer* in the 90's.

Those of us who were in the fight these and later years know how very much the Hamptons were in the center of things, always dependable, untiring, and holding fast to fundamentals. I have heard some new comers in the ranks speak of those years as "sterile" or "barren" or "the silent years," the immediate words escape me, but