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## Henry George Memorial Congress

As we go to press we have received the September-October issue of *Land and Freedom*. It is a production of remarkable excellence, and the editor, Mr Joseph Dana Miller, is to be highly complimented. Its 32 very interesting pages are almost wholly devoted to an account of the proceedings at the Henry George Memorial Congress, held in New York on 12th, 13th and 14th September, at the Hotel Pennsylvania.

We are assured by *Land and Freedom* that the Congress will not soon be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be present. "No more successful convention has been held in this city in many a long year; it was a brilliant and representative gathering of the faithful from many States; many of the addresses were of a high order of merit and some were eloquently delivered." This opinion of the Congress is confirmed in a number of letters we have received from friends present who wrote in terms of great enthusiasm. The chief organisers of the Congress (Mr George E. Evans and Mr Percy R. Williams, President and Secretary respectively of the Henry George Foundation) are to be warmly congratulated on the outstanding success achieved.

The following message, sent by cable from our offices in Tothill Street, was read by Mr Fred C. Leubuscher and greeted with enthusiastic applause: "Georgeists of the British United Committee and the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade send fraternal greetings to American brethren and ask Senator Hennessy to tell the inspiring story of world progress."

The programme shows there were 12 sessions and gatherings, including formal luncheons, a banquet and Memorial Exercises at the tomb of Henry George. It was in a real sense an International gathering, with not only the United States, but also Canada, Denmark, China and Mexico represented.

At the public meeting on the evening of 12th September the Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, President of the International Union, attended, having just arrived home from his recent European tour. He delivered an address on "The Henry George Movement in Foreign Lands," which made a deep impression on his audience. At the same session Mr Jakob E. Lange, who has been visiting the United States, spoke on "Henry George and Denmark"; and with him was Mrs Signe Björner of Denmark, who, like Mr Hennessy, had only just arrived from Europe. Mrs Björner addressed the Congress on "The Growth of Georgeism in Europe."

Among the many others who took part in this memorable Congress we notice Dr W. E. Macklin, Nankin, China, the translator of *Progress and Poverty* into Chinese; Jose Miguel Bejarano, Secretary of the Mexican Chamber of Commerce of United States; Hon. Lawson Purdy and Hamlin Garland, New York; George H. Duncan, Member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives; Hon. Edward Polak, New York; Mrs. Anna George de Mille, New York; Will Atkinson, New York, son-in-law of Henry George; Hon. George L. Record, Jersey City; Alfred M. Chandler, Newark, New Jersey; A. W. Roebuck, Alan C. Thompson, and Mrs. Christine Ross Barker, Toronto, Canada; Hon. Samuel Seabury, New York; Bolton Hall, New York; Rev. James O. S. Huntingdon, West Park, New York; Dr Mark Milliken, Hamilton, Ohio; Miss Grace Isabel Colbron, New Canaan; R. C. Macauley, Philadelphia; Frank Stephens, Delaware; G. C. Olcott, Chicago; Albert E. Schalkenbach, Fairhope; Benjamin C. Marsh, of the Farmers' National

Council, Washington; Oscar H. Geiger, New York; Robert D. Towne, Philadelphia; Hon. Warren Worth Bailey, Johnstown, Pa.; Charles Le Baron Goeller, Union, New York; James F. Morton, Paterson, N.J.; Whidden Graham and William Ryan, New York.

The sessional Chairmen and Presidents at the various functions were Joseph Dana Miller, New York; Miss Charlotte O. Schetter, New York; Charles H. Ingersoll, Orange, N.J.; Frederic C. Leubuscher, New York; Charles R. Eckert, Pittsburgh; Hon. J. C. Lincoln, Cleveland; Fred C. Howe; Herman G. Loew, New York; and Miss Ami Mali Hicks, New York.

Every aspect of the Single Tax principle and policy was discussed. We notice such titles as Practical Progress in Rational Taxation, The Land Question in Politics, Pittsburgh Graded Tax, Public Ownership in Ontario, The Teachings of Henry George, The Land Problem in Agriculture, Tom Johnson and the Cause of Liberalism, The Single Tax as a Moral Question, The Appraisal of Urban Land Values under the Single Tax, etc., etc.

*Land and Freedom*, promising further reports in its next issue, prints in extenso the text of the addresses of Rev. W. E. Macklin on "Single Tax Propaganda in China"; Hon. Charles O'C. Hennessy and Mr Jakob E. Lange as above mentioned; Mr Oscar H. Geiger on "Natural Law in the Economic World" (a remarkably able and eloquent effort); Mr Bolton Hall on "The Ways of Workers"; Mr James F. Morton on "The Single Tax Movement"; Mr Jose M. Bejarano on "Mexico and Catch as Can Taxation"; and the addresses of welcome and inauguration by Hon. Edward Polak and Mr Joseph Dana Miller.

We hope to recur to the Congress next month and print at least some extracts from these excellent contributions.