

HENRY GEORGE'S BIRTHPLACE.

The Public (Chicago, 14/6/07), reports :—

Mr. R. F. Powell of Philadelphia, whose office is in the Land Title Building in that city, and who invites co-operation, has undertaken a public-spirited work which we trust may be successful. He is trying to set in motion a scheme for the organization of an association to purchase, care for, and suitably use the birthplace of Henry George. This property, located in Philadelphia, is now owned by one of Mr. George's friends and disciples, who bought it to save it for some such purpose. Mr. Powell's idea is that the property shall be dedicated to the memory of the author of "Progress and Poverty," and be turned into a living monument by making it the headquarters for some appropriate method of propagating the principles which that book expounds and to which its author, Henry George, devoted his life.

On the same subject Mr. Joseph Fels, 39 Wilson Street. London, E.C., has just received the following letter from Mr. Powell:—

In reference to Henry George's birthplace, I would say that Dr. Morton, of Philadelphia, some time ago bought, and is keeping intact, the house in which Henry George was born, 413 South Tenth Street, this city. Dr. Morton is holding it in the hope that there may be here established a memorial to Henry George. I feel that the time has come when we ought now to take steps towards carrying out this idea. **The place cost 5,000 dollars (£1,000) in 1897**; it is a brick house of 8 or 9 rooms, and is rented at the present time for sufficient to carry it.

If the place is taken over as an active working memorial to Henry George, Dr. Morton is willing to contribute 10 percent of all the building cost him, and transfer the building to trustees at just what it cost him.

My thought is that it should be in the hands of an association; and it should not be a difficult matter to raise the money necessary to purchase the building from those who knew Henry George during his lifetime, and those who are working to establish his philosophy, as a working principle among people.

The question of maintaining the building and making an active propaganda centre is, of course, a more serious problem than the purchase, and I invite suggestions from any who may be interested in the subject.

Mr. Fels will be glad to have correspondence from British single taxers on this subject sent to him at his London address.