

OSCAR GEIGER DIES; SINGLE TAX LEADER

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School of Social Science
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Left the Clergy for Work With
Theatre Managers—Was Fur
Dealer and Economist.

Oscar H. Geiger, director of the Henry George School of Social Science and for more than thirty-five years a leader in the single-tax movement in the United States, died yesterday morning of a heart attack at his home at 211 West Seventy-ninth Street. He was 61 years old.

In his young manhood Mr. Geiger had been a clergyman, but left the clergy for a varied business career. After being ordained to the rabbinate he was principal of the Deborah Orphans Home here. Upon leaving the rabbinate he declined a call to a Unitarian church in Boston and found work in the theatrical business as a bookkeeper. For several years he was with Koster & Beals and other managers.

He entered the fur business about 1900 and the firm he established became widely known in the trade. From 1920 until his retirement a few years ago he also acted as fur buyer for department stores in New York and Brooklyn.

Follower of Henry George.

Mr. Geiger met Henry George in his youth and became absorbed in the study of economics, sociology and philosophy. He was a leading speaker for George in the publicist's campaign for Mayor in 1897, and George called him "the economist of the single tax movement."

After George's death Mr. Geiger founded the Progress and Poverty Club, a workingmen's study group, on the lower East Side, attracting a large following and combating extremist groups then popular there. During the campaign by which George's son, Henry George Jr., was elected to Congress Mr. Geiger spoke for the candidate.

Wrote Single Tax Party Platform.

Mr. Geiger was a member of the Committee of Forty-eight which founded the Farmer-Labor party at Chicago in 1920 and was the keynote speaker at the party's convention there. He wrote the platform for the Single Tax party in 1924. Frequently he addressed the annual conferences of followers of Henry George and maintained a large correspondence with students of land economics in various parts of the world. For many years he was treasurer of Land and Freedom, a magazine. A year ago he resigned as president of the Brotherhood of the Commonwealth, a mutual insurance company. He founded the Henry George School of Social Science three years ago.

Mr. Geiger is survived by his wife, Mrs. Nina Daly Geiger, and a son, Dr. George Raymond Geiger, Associate Professor of Philosophy at the University of North Dakota.

Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the school at the West Seventy-ninth Street address. Lawson Purdy and Charles O'Connor Hennessy, friends, will speak. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.