

require no laborious effort to put it into effect. On going into effect, the Single Tax would decrease unemployment because builders and artisans would be called upon to build up idle land. Thus, if there is more employment, poverty will be lessened. The decrease in poverty will in turn result in a higher standard of living. It can be clearly seen that a single tax on land value would be very advantageous and beneficial to the country.

It is sincerely hoped that it will not be far in the future when poverty shall be extirpated, land shall in effect be public property, unemployment shall have ceased, the standard of living shall be raised and there shall be many other ameliorations of the conditions of society due to the effect of the Single Tax.

"Progress and Poverty"

I SEE that the admirers and followers of Henry George are celebrating during their International Conference this week the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of his book "Progress and Poverty." It will be a surprise to nobody that the chairman of the American and other committees, is named Charles O'Connor Hennessy—an Irishman is bound to get in somewhere in any big forward movement, especially if it has its origin in America.

I knew Henry George pretty well, and indeed I met him at a time when he had already conquered most of his difficulties. He was not a man who had much presence, for he was rather short of stature; he had inherited from his days of abject poverty a certain shabbiness of dress, and altogether there was a contrast between the world-wide glory he was just attaining and the unpretentious exterior. Apart altogether from his doctrines, Henry George's book was a fascinating volume, written in perfectly pellucid and unpretentious English, and carrying the reader along on the tide of its simple eloquence. I think really it was the style of Henry George rather than his fundamental doctrine as to the Land Tax that accounted for the immense and continuous popularity of his book.

He was almost bullied by his enthusiastic followers to stand for the mayoralty of New York, and he had some fair chance of winning. But, as people anticipated, the exertion of such a strenuous campaign was more than his well-worn physique could stand, and he died suddenly in the middle of the fight. His delicacy of constitution was inherited by at least one member of his family: his son, who afterwards became a member of Congress, was a tiny but delightful boy; he remained a boy in appearance—and a delicate one at that—to the day of his early death.

There was another remarkable member of the family who, I am glad to say, still survives, Anna George deMille—for such is her name—was the guest of honor at one of the social gatherings which accompanied the conference. I hope to see her before she leaves this side. She, like her relatives, is tiny in stature, and she seems to have a

great deal of what the Irish call "cutting" in her, and, besides, is a very pretty woman. It was rather amusing to me to watch the different phases of her personality in the course of conversation—at one moment an enthusiastic apostle of the new land gospel, the next simply a very pretty and attractive woman. She is delightful in both capacities.—HON. T. P. O'CONNOR, M. P. in *London Times*.

Australian Resolution Cabled to the British Government

THE following Resolution passed by the Henry George League of Victoria at their monthly meeting on July 15th, 1929, and cable authorized for despatch to the British Government:

"Maintaining that tariffs are one of the causes promoting unemployment, high cost of living and international ill-feeling, we view with admiration the stated intention of the British Government to carry out the clearly expressed mandate of the electorate to discontinue the policy of protection existing in Great Britain.

"Asserting our right as Australians to frame our own domestic policy without let or hindrance by any nation or any part of the Empire we express displeasure and irritation at the undignified public utterances made in Australia with the object of inducing the British taxpayer to further support Australian industries already leaning too heavily upon the British and Australian consumers.

"We express the hope that the noble gesture made in the British Parliament will soon be translated into action and set a shining example to the Dominions and the world at large, for we feel that any attempt at economic welding will weaken existing ties that bind the Empire and lead to retaliation from other countries, whose cooperation and goodwill we strongly desire for the peace of the world and the wellbeing of mankind."

WE know a corner lot speculator who is fierce against dog race betting but believes he himself is a useful citizen when he acquires title to vacant land and holds it idle for a "rise" in the selling price.

—HOWARD M. HOLMES, in the *Ohio State Journal*.

WOMEN who are sincere in their efforts to better the home and living conditions cannot shun the extreme importance of the Single Tax teachings propounded by Henry George.—ANNA GEORGE DEMILLE at the Pittsburgh Conference.

IT is land monopoly which has dispossessed more than half of the inhabitants of every nation of their natural inheritance, without providing for them, as ought to have been done, an indemnification for that loss, and has thereby created a species of poverty and wretchedness that did not exist before.—THOMAS PAINE.