

Tribute and Report From The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

WHEN Joseph Dana Miller laid down the burden of life, he ended a career that was both useful and good. It is truly said that he did unto his neighbor as he would himself be done by. He asked little of this world's goods and of what he had he gave freely and gladly to the Cause he loved.

To the principles of Henry George he remained forever faithful—a true disciple of the Great Teacher. He tested our national life by the touchstone of freedom and when he found it wanting, he turned to Henry George and found the remedy. The noble pen that made LAND AND FREEDOM the respected publication it is today, has left us a rich heritage.

Joseph Dana Miller was one of the original directors of this Foundation, selected by and named in the will of our generous founder, Robert Schalkenbach. For many years we enjoyed his wise counsel and though, in 1931, it became advisable for him to resign his trust, he continued a deep interest in the organization, always ready to help and advise us.

When the news of Robert Schalkenbach's bequest first reached the newspapers, back in 1925, a New York daily, in an editorial headed, "An Odd Bequest," asked what would become of the fund if its objective were accomplished before the money had been entirely spent. With tongue in cheek Mr. Miller replied to the paper that such funds as remained could be used for a very necessary purpose: to provide an institution for brainless journalists.

We shall miss this Grand Old Man of LAND AND FREEDOM. With friends all over the world, we mourn his passing.

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Looking ahead to the long summer months, and to give our readers an opportunity to enjoy four important books of general economic interest, two of them quite recent publications, we have arranged with other publishers so that we can, for a short time only, supply them.

The first book needs no introduction and is too large a work for brief description. It is, "Wealth of Nations" by Adam Smith. Most economists quote, some time or other, from this old classic: Henry George made frequent reference to it and had a deep respect for the author.

Our second selection is Albert J. Nock's "Our Enemy, The State." Mr. Nock is well known in the field of journalism and is the author of many books and essays. In "Our Enemy, The State" he draws a graphic picture of the dangers which follow the establishing of an all powerful state and describes the sources from which this power comes. "The State," says Mr. Nock, "has no

money of its own and no power of its own: all the power it has is what society gives it plus what it confiscates from time to time on one pretext or another."

Third in our list is "The Good Society" by Walter Lippman. Published in 1937, this book received a hearty welcome from those who, observing world trends and events on the continent, desired to examine more closely the movement to organize a directed social order. The book is divided into four parts: "The Provident State;" "The Collectivist Movement;" "The Reconstruction of Liberalism," and "The Testament of Liberty." It is one of those volumes that will rob you of your sleep because it is so interesting that you will not want to lay it aside when bedtime comes.

Fourth, but by no means least, is "History of the Great American Fortunes," by Gustavus Myers. As its name implies, this is a story—and a fascinating one at that—of how fabulous fortunes were made in America. Mr. Myers has no axe to grind; the work is not a denunciation but a careful study to show that the amassing of these incredible sums was no mere trick of fate but the natural, logical outcome of a system based upon factors which inevitably resulted in the despoilment of the many for the benefit of a few. "As time passes," says the author, "and the power of the propertied oligarchy becomes greater and greater, more and more of a studied attempt is made to represent the origin of that property as the product of honest toil and great public service. Every searcher of truth is entitled to know whether this is true or not." The book discusses Vanderbilt, Gould, Sage, J. Pierpont Morgan and many other great fortunes.

Truly, these are four books many of our friends will want to read, and so that they may have this pleasure at very little cost we have designed six book combinations which are described in detail on the back cover of this issue of LAND AND FREEDOM.

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From our own presses very recently came a new edition of the story of Henry George's funeral. The title of the new book is "Tributes at the Funeral of Henry George." The earlier printings bore the title "Addresses at the Funeral of Henry George." This book, so far as we know, is the only complete account of that amazing funeral when great masses of people, fired by the purpose for which their leader had died, swayed by the eloquence of some of the most gifted orators New York City has ever heard, rose as a man and applauded. "At first I was shocked by the applause," said the Reverend Dr. Newton, officiating minister, "but as I reflected it seemed to me impossible the audience should not applaud. This was not a funeral; it was a resurrection." Bound in blue leather-like cover, this book, costing twenty-five cents, is one all admirers of Henry George will want to read.

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