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Henry George and the Pope

Mr. **Henry George** has written an "answer" to the Pope's Encyclical Letter on Labor, which would fill two pages of the Columbian, The leading thought of Mr. George's letter is the single tax question, and the private property in land theory, although he also deals with the wage question.

The Pope's Encyclicals are for the instruction and guidance of the world. Mr. George's letter concerns his own social theories. He is markedly respectful to His Holiness and sent a copy of his letter to Rome before it appeared in print. His concluding remarks are appended :—

"Servant of the servants of God! I call you by the strongest and sweetest of your titles. In your hands more than in those of any living man lies the power to say the word and make the sign that shall end an unnatural divorce and marry again to religion all that is pure and high in social aspiration.

" Wishing for your holiness the chiefest of all blessings, that you may know the truth and be freed by the truth; wishing for you the days and the strength that may enable you by the great service you may render to humanity to make your pontificate through all coming time most glorious; and with the profound respect due to your personal character and to your exalted office, I am yours sincerely, **Henry George.**"