

IN AND ABOUT THE CITY

WELCOMING HENRY GEORGE. THE SINGLE-TAX LEADER TALKS OF HIS VISIT TO ENGLAND.

An audience that comfortably filled the large hall of the Cooper Union assembled last evening to give Henry George a reception and a welcome on his return from Great Britain, and to hear what he had to say on the attitude of the people there on the land question. They were evidently not disappointed. An able list of Vice-Chairmen had been prepared, and the platform was occupied by as many men and women as it would accommodate. Thomas L. Johnson of Cleveland, Ohio, presided, and after being introduced by William T. Croasdale made an address of welcome to Mr. George.

No striking new idea was put forward by Mr. George. He roused his audience to its highest pitch of enthusiasm in referring to the campaign and President Cleveland. He was glad, he said, to see on coming back to this country as much life and vigor in the movement in which he and his hearers were interested as before the election. He was glad to read that message of President Cleveland in which he not merely upheld more firmly than ever the standard against protection, but showed that he had arrived at last at the consciousness of some deeper problem. He was glad to hear the applause that greeted the President's name. Here three cheers for President Cleveland were called for by a man in the audience, and were given. "He has but to go forward," continued Mr. George, as soon as the din had subsided, "to be the leader of the Democratic Party, the real Democratic Party, to go into the campaign four years from now with a strength greater than he entered with this time."

In regard to the land question Mr. George assured his hearers that if the single-tax idea were carried out land speculation would be impossible. In England the principles were working quietly but effectively. They had not done much yet that showed on the surface, but steady missionary work was going on, and now they were coming to the time when what had been done quietly would go forth openly. For this reason he was going back in two months to stump the country. The single-tax movement was on the verge of coming into English politics in a way that would do more for the education of the people than anything else could do. It had some supporters in the House of Commons and would have more.

Following Mr. George, the Rev. Hugh O. Pentecost, the Rev. Mr. Huntington, and Thomas G. Shearman spoke briefly on the theme of the evening.