

A Tribute Well Earned

MR. W. A. DOUGLASS, the grand old man of the Single Tax movement, has been honored by a banquet given on his eightieth birthday. Some of his fellow-workers in the movement may be discouraged by the slow progress which has been made since Henry George gave his message to the world. But there is no real cause of discouragement to a man like Mr. Douglass. We can to some extent control our own actions in the world, but we cannot control consequences; and to repine because others will not adopt our opinions is as useless and unreasonable as to grumble at the weather. The acceptance of what may be called human or political weather is one of the essentials of a philosopher's outlook.

Mr. Douglass' life has been a success in the deepest sense because he has been true to his convictions, and never faltered or weakened in expressing them and working for the cause which he has at heart. He has been the typical idealist, keeping his own course, "in the scorn of consequence."

But while he has been steadfast there has been nothing hard or narrow in his scheme of life. He is inspired by intense zeal for justice and love of humanity. Political economy has been for him, not the "dismal science," but the science of human service and right human relations. In his long life in Toronto he has won the confidence, affection and respect of a host of friends who delight to do him honor.—*Toronto Globe.*