

was a prosperous nation or not, and whether I was in a thriving State or not, unless I knew who had got the money, and whether any of it was mine. But that had nothing to do with it. It was not in the figures at all," said Sissy, wiping her eyes.

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"Then Mr. McChoakumchild said here are the stutterings—"

"Statistics," said Louisa.

"Yes, Miss Louisa—they always remind me of stutterings, and this is another of my mistakes."

From "Hard Times"—CHARLES DICKENS.



ANNIVERSARY OF THE BIRTHDAY OF HENRY GEORGE IN CINCINNATI, AT THE VINE ST. CONGREGA- TIONAL CHURCH.

The sixty-fifth anniversary of the birthday of Henry George was commemorated in Cincinnati at the Vine Street Congregational Church, whose pastor is the well-known disciple of Henry George, Herbert S. Bigelow.

The spacious lecture-room of the church was filled with guests. Mr. Oscar C. Rasch was master of ceremonies. After the supper, addresses were made by Mr. Ameringer and Mr. Frank H. Howe, of Columbus, and Mr. J. M. Eilers and Herbert S. Bigelow. A very enjoyable feature of the occasion was the reading of letters from representative men and women of the movement, Wm. Lloyd Garrison, Tom L. Johnson, Robert Baker, Hamlin Garland, Ralph Hoyt, Warren Worth Bailey, John S. Crosby, J. J. Leggett, Lizzie Nye Northrop and Mrs. Sallie McLean, who was a close friend of Henry George. Some of these letters follow. A most gratifying communication was read, the author of which, Mr. Elliott H. Pendleton, is the proprietor and editor of a Cincinnati weekly, devoted to municipal reform. He is a Harvard man and is a prominent figure in the most influential society of the Queen City. In his letter to the chairman of the meeting he regretted his inability to be present and unreservedly endorsed the work of the Henry George men. He insisted that the ideas for which they stand are looked upon with favor by a great many men in the social and commercial world, and that those who are active in the work would be amazed to know the real progress their cause has made. This letter was a great source of encouragement to those present who realized its significance.

Mr. Bigelow's address—the main one of the evening—had for its title "The Bottom Question." He introduced many convincing facts and figures evidencing the growth of the movement in this and other countries.

It is the comment of those who hear Mr. Bigelow regularly that he never repeats and whether he is discussing biblical or economic subjects, every talk he gives is somehow given a new dress so that interest never lags and his hearers are becoming familiarized with the philosophy of Henry George without, perhaps, realizing it.

The general tone of the meeting was one of confidence and satisfaction that the ideas of "Progress and Poverty" should have gained so much in a quarter of a century. These birthday celebrations have been omitted in Cincinnati for several years but this one was such a conspicuous success that the sentiment is strong against missing any in the future.

Following is the address of F. H. Howe, of Columbus, Ohio: