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Mrs. George in St. Louis.

SHE MEETS PROMINENT SINGLE TAXERS AND SPEAKS OF THE PUBLICATION OF MR. GEORGE'S BOOKS.

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St. Louis, December 4.—Mrs. Henry George and her daughter, Miss Anna, arrived in St. Louis, Friday morning, to visit Mrs. George's sister, who is a teacher in St. Vincent's Seminary, at the south-east corner of Grand and Lucas Avenues. Expressing a wish to meet Single Tax friends, as many as could be reached were notified, and quite a pleasant party gathered in room 226, the management of the hotel contributing everything possible to make the occasion enjoyable. It was a pleasant surprise to Mrs. George's friends here to see how completely reconciled she is to her great bereavement. It is that consolation that comes with faith; for, like Enoch of old, she knows he walked with God : and he was not, for God took him.

NO INCOME EXCEPT ROYALTIES.

The writer is violating no confidence in saying that Mrs. George will have to rely on the royalty derived from the sale of her husband's books for maintenance. The S. S. McClure Co., publishers of McClure's Magazine, have taken charge of the publication of all Mr. George's works, including the new work which will be ready for the market shortly after it has appeared in the syndicate of papers that begins its publication to-morrow. The McClure Co. contemplate bringing out a uniform edition, embracing the complete works; also one or two de luxe editions that may sell as high as four dollars a volume; and some friends have suggested the idea of having a magnificently bound set printed on vellum, to be limited to 100 copies, that would cost twelve dollars a volume, making the complete set, which would embrace the new book and the life of Henry George, and his magazine and other articles, cost 120 dollars or thereabouts. This will not be undertaken unless there is evidence presented beforehand that will give indication that this number will

be readily sold. The high priced books yield a much higher royalty than the lower priced, the publisher allowing an increase in the percentage corresponding with the increased price. Single Taxers who wish to retain some valuable souvenir of Mr. George and at the same time give some tangible expression of their love for their lamented leader should purchase a complete set of these works in substantial binding, and encourage others to do so. Single Taxers should also interest themselves with their wealthy acquaintances, whether in sympathy with the movement or not, to persuade them, or to get an expression from them, at least, as to purchasing the high-priced edition. Mrs. George has stipulated with the publishers that a cheap paper covered edition will continue to be issued.

It is generally believed that a large sum was realized from the syndicate publishing the new work. The amount paid was insignificant in comparison with the price Mr. George's articles commanded. The main motive in having it published in the papers was due to the fact that it would reach hundreds of thousands of readers who would never buy a book.

Asked for an expression of opinion as to a suitable memorial for her husband, she expressed herself freely, but does not desire to have her views published. She was quite emphatic in one thing; that any memorial erected to Henry George should be a voluntary, spontaneous gift from the people without begging or solicitation of any kind.

MR. GEORGE'S DEATH

In speaking of the death of Mr. George, Mrs. George is reported in a morning paper as follows:—

I am glad that since he had to die, his death was without a lingering, wasting sickness. I did not want to see that splendid mind weaken in life or his magnificent body waste away. I was glad that the end came as it did, suddenly. I am also grateful that his hard, active life's work has brought him so many friends; persons who believe as he did. It also gratifies me that his life was such that even those who did not believe in his philosophy honour his memory; they believe him to be an honest thinker. His campaign work was glorious. He gave his life to it. He felt that duty called him to the work. He said the night that he accepted the nomination

that he would stay in the contest fighting for his election even if it cost his life, and he kept his promise to the people, as he always did. He was not a strong man when he went into the campaign. Our daughter had died during the summer, and grief over our bereavement had preyed upon his strength. The campaign work was a very severe tax upon him. I could see his strength was beginning to break down. I am glad for his sake that he did not have to live to be broken down in mind or body. Such an existence would have been torment to him, for he had been so active throughout life."

The new- work of Mr. George was not quite completed, and it will be published as he left it, save possibly a little literary finish to what was already sketched out.—