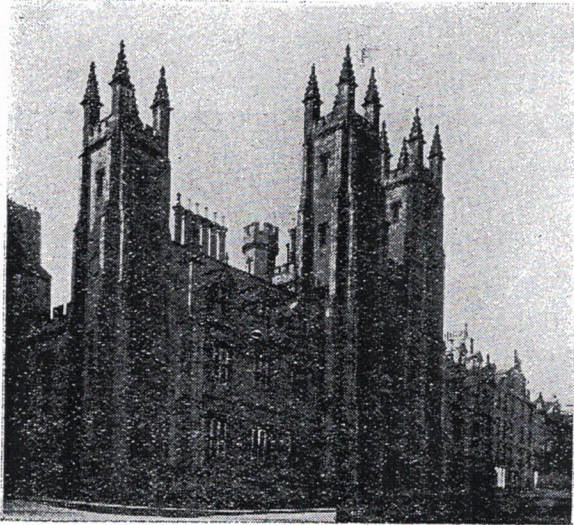


## WORLD CONFERENCE IN EDINBURGH

27th July to 2nd August, 1929



THE NEW COLLEGE, EDINBURGH

Mr Charles E. Crompton was President of the International Conference held in Oxford in 1923, which did such great work for the world movement for land value taxation and free trade, leading to the equal success of the still more representative Conference held in Copenhagen in 1926. Now comes the International Conference in Edinburgh, over which, as at Copenhagen, the Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, the President of the International Union, will preside. The Committee engaged in organizing the Edinburgh Conference are determined to leave no stone unturned to make it a worthy successor of both Oxford and Copenhagen and they are happy in the service Mr Crompton, giving his influence, as President on the former occasion, has rendered in addressing a personal appeal to all our subscribers engaging their interest and support. Mr Crompton's letter is in the following terms:—

### THE EDINBURGH CONFERENCE

DEAR MR (MRS OR MISS) \_\_\_\_\_

The Conference of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade as announced in *Land & Liberty* is to be held this year in Edinburgh from 27th July to 2nd August. This is going to be a very important event—one might say *the most important event* since Henry George visited this country. The seed which he sowed in this country did not fall upon barren ground, and ever since he was here his teaching and philosophy have been slowly gaining ground. But whilst progress undoubtedly has been made, much remains to be done, and the occasion of this coming Conference gives all of us a special opportunity.

As President of the Oxford International Conference held in 1923, I want to make a very special appeal to all Henry George people to give their support to this event in Edinburgh. **THIS CAN BE DONE BY ENROLMENT AS A MEMBER OF THE CONFERENCE (whether you can come or not) AND BY SENDING A SUBSCRIPTION OF £1 AS MEMBERSHIP FEE.** Please use enclosed form,\* addressing it to our Hon. Treasurer, Mr Ashley Mitchell, 11, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1.

The importance of this Conference is twofold:

FIRSTLY, it will be the greatest gathering of Henry

\* This form was also inserted in each issue of *Land & Liberty* of last month.

George people from all parts of the world that has ever taken place;

SECONDLY, it will be a great demonstration in this country of the strength and determination of the followers of Henry George. This country has always been looked upon by the people of other countries as the home of democracy and the battleground upon which the great fights for freedom have been fought and won. There is no doubt that people the world over will be watching to see what account we can give of ourselves at Edinburgh. Particularly is this so in the case of America, which will be sending over a large delegation in the full belief that a win in this country will do more for the United States and for other lands than they can do for themselves.

The amount of work involved in making the necessary preparations for the Conference is going to be a big strain upon this office, and it will be an enormous encouragement for us to feel that we have the backing, both moral and financial, of every earnest Henry George man and woman in the world.

This letter is sent to you in the full belief that you will (if you have not already done so) immediately enrol yourself a member and send the membership fee. As I have already said, this is a great opportunity and I am sure you will wish to take advantage of it; and let me hear from you as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES E. CROMPTON.

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The Committee of the Union earnestly endorses this "call to attention" Mr Crompton has issued. Everyone will help with early enrolment and to give the best encouragement to the organizers who are completing the arrangements. The membership roll grows day by day. Next month we expect to publish a large addition to the list of names that appeared in our issue for January.

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We emphasize again the importance of making reservation of hotel or other accommodation in Edinburgh. Communications should be sent to Mr Wm. Reid, the Secretary of the Arrangements Committee, at 67, West Nile Street, Glasgow. In this respect, members are reminded of the opportunity to live "under one roof" at very moderate rates in the commodious Hostel of the Edinburgh School of Cookery, the terms varying from 8s. 6d. per day to 11s. per day exclusive of midday meal. Arrangements have been made for the serving of light luncheon in one of the halls in the Conference building.

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Mr Ashley Mitchell, Chairman of the Programme and Resolutions Committee, has completed the draft of the programme which has been sent to his co-members on the Committee for consideration and suggestions. It is a very comprehensive syllabus. The plan of the Conference is that as much as possible of the time will be set free for discussion. The intention is that all addresses and papers will be printed and circulated beforehand, so that they may be "taken as read," the author or introducer having not more than ten minutes to open the discussion by referring to the chief points of the subject to be dealt with. A keynote of the Conference will be that it celebrates the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *Progress and Poverty* and a notable feature will also be the Sunday evening (28th July) assembly with addresses from ministers of religion on the moral aspect of Henry George's teaching.

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We appreciate the valuable notice given to the Edinburgh Conference in the *Irish Weekly* of 19th January