

announced in the November-December LAND AND FREEDOM, left for his friends the following Confession of Faith, which is so beautiful that it is printed herewith:

"I wish that no one put on the habiliments of mourning for me.

"While I love flowers, as I do all the beauties which nature unfolds, I desire that no floral set pieces be present at my bier; that mourning cards be not used to notify; that anything suggestive of mourning be omitted.

"My religion is the Golden Rule—"Do unto others as you would have them do unto you," as propounded by the great Teacher, Jesus.

"I accept, further, without qualification, the Truth He proclaimed that: 'God is Spirit, and they that worship Him must worship in Spirit and in Truth. (Not that God is a spirit, but Spirit all pervading.)'

"This impels me to reject the dogmas and implications of organized religion, which picture God as a personality seated on a throne in some faraway place.

"My early religious teaching emphasized the fact that 'To sin against my conscience was to sin against the Holy Ghost.' It would do violence to my conscience to pretend acceptance of the orthodox conception of Deity and ignore the simple doctrine taught by Jesus.

"This is my profession of faith.

"I love Mankind, and because I love Truth and Justice I have tried to be helpful to my fellows. If I have measurably succeeded, and friends shall so appraise my life's efforts, then I face cheerfully whatever may await me in the great beyond.

"To all friends, a loving farewell."

AN interesting series of articles by Charles Johnson Post on prevailing inequalities in real estate taxation are appearing in the *New York Mirror*. Mr. Post shows very effectively the disproportionate burdens laid upon those who improve their properties and the favoritism shown to vacant or inadequately improved lands.

OUR old friend Louis Schliep, editor of the *Tupper Lake* (N. Y.) *Herald*, prints the article by James R. Brown, "What Is the Matter With the World," in his paper for Dec. 31.

THE *Irish Weekly and Ulster Examiner*, of Belfast, Ireland, prints a two-column article by Baldearg O'Donnell on "The Bible as a Book of Economics," and includes in the course of the article poems by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Hon. Gavan Duffy, Dennis Florence McCarthy and Joseph Dana Miller.

ASHER GEORGE BEECHER, of Warren, Pa., whom many of our readers will recall, has been in the hospital owing to a fall, but writes that he is "getting along very well for an old fellow" and will soon be out.

C. J. EWING, of Chicago, having been asked by the *Hyde Park Beacon*, a local paper, to write a 300-word editorial on the Single Tax, wrote one of 600 words, which was printed as written.

MORRIS VAN VEEN, in addition to addressing street audiences, has been at the 23d St. Y. M. C. A. meetings in this city every Monday evening, acquainting the audiences with the Henry George philosophy.

MISS AGNES GEORGE DEMILLE, granddaughter of Henry George, entertained a large audience at the Guild Theatre, New York, on Sunday evening, Jan. 10, with a series of dances, dance pantomimes and sketches, in which dialogue was used with dancing steps for the first time on any dance recital stage. Miss deMille brings grace and typically American humor to her presentations. There are many dancers who offer long programmes replete with difficult technical studies and weird interpretations along the lines of our modernistic art, but Miss deMille brings something new—a light, graceful and deliberately humorous commentary upon life in general and upon the dancer's world in particular. The recital was held for the benefit of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation.

At the annual meeting of the Henry George Club of Pittsburgh in November, William N. McNair retired from the office of President

and, on his motion, William B. Foster, of the Travelers Insurance Company, who recently polled a highly complimentary vote as a candidate for City Council, was elected his successor. Mr. Foster is a nephew of Stephen C. Foster, the noted composer, and has been an active member of the club since its organization in 1924. George W. Wakefield was re-elected Vice President; Ralph E. Smith, Treasurer; Francis W. Maguire, Secretary.

The Pittsburgh Club has maintained regular weekly luncheons since its organization and is now in its eighth year, with a growing interest in the weekly programs and Single Tax propaganda that is carried on through the loyal co-operation of members.

Arrangements are being made for a special celebration of the birthday of Francis W. Maguire, whose eightieth birthday anniversary falls on Jan. 13. A dinner will be given in his honor by the Henry George Club, with the co-operation of the officers of the Henry George Foundation. Hugo W. Noren has been chosen toastmaster. Mr. Maguire is not only one of the most active men in the Pittsburgh organization, but for many years was prominent in the Chicago Single Tax Club, though Pittsburgh is his native city. He was one of the founders of the reorganized club in Pittsburgh, and as Assistant Secretary of the Henry George Foundation has been a prominent figure at national conventions since the first Henry George Congress in Philadelphia, where he was in charge of an attractive booth established by the Foundation on the Sesquicentennial grounds. He is an indefatigable propagandist and never falters in his optimistic faith in the early triumph of the Single Tax.

Clayton J. Ewing, one of the Directors of the Foundation and President of the Chicago Single Tax Club, left on Jan. 15 for a Southern tour. Mr. Ewing will fill a number of speaking engagements, including meetings in New Orleans, Fairhope, Memphis and St. Louis. He will also visit Montgomery, Ala., and Florida points and will be the guest of Harry H. Willock at his new home in Lillian, Ala. Mr. Ewing is keenly interested in nation-wide organization and will represent the Henry George Foundation in his conferences with Single Taxers in the South. There will be local rallies in Memphis, Fairhope and New Orleans.

The Single Taxers of Memphis are still campaigning aggressively to secure the Henry George Congress for their city for 1932. The Directors of the Foundation have deferred a final decision for the time being, but a definite announcement may be made within the next month.

MRS. ANNA GEORGE DEMILLE has just returned from Hollywood, where she spent the holidays. Ever on the alert for an opportunity to interest young people, she found time to deliver three lectures. The first was on Dec. 15 at the Junior College, Santa Monica. Prof. Charles E. Stickle, professor of economics, heard Mrs. deMille speak at a summer session of another college, and wrote to her asking her whether she would not speak before his students. There were about 300 students and faculty members present. The next day she spoke before 175 students at the University of Southern California. Prof. Leonard and the head of the economics department, Dr. McClung, arranged this meeting, and the students, who were economics and sociology students, were most attentive and intelligent listeners. It may not be amiss to call attention to the fact that though many professors and faculty members are inclined to give lecturers on Single Tax a hearing in assemblies such as these, the trustees of universities are often unwilling to have a discussion of the Single Tax take place in their institutions. Great credit is therefore due to those professors who take the initiative in bringing before their classes a subject upon which there is strong feeling and which may bring upon them the censure of officials. Mrs. deMille was delighted with a little group of about twenty young business men and women who meet weekly, under the guidance of Mr. R. E. Chadwick, to discuss the current topics of the day and social and political questions. They do not as yet hold discussions upon the Single Tax, but Mrs. deMille spoke, as she says, "straight Single Tax," and it was decided to hold special meetings for the future discussion of Henry George's "Progress and Poverty" and the Single Tax.