

is unique; while considered merely as a political economic treatise, it is safe to assert that it is without a rival.

It is one of the most noteworthy facts connected with Henry George that with but little formal schooling, he should have achieved a style so marvelously excellent.

What manner of man was this who had written "Progress and Poverty?"

First he was a highly spiritual man. He was possessed of serenity, a certain inwardness, a measure of saintliness. Moreover, like all spiritual-minded people, George seemed always to be possessed of a great secret. This air of interior knowledge, of the perception of that which is hidden from the uninitiated, is a common mark of all refinement, esthetic as well as moral.

George believed in Democracy. He believed that human beings possessed indefeasible worth. That does not mean equality of gifts, or equality of mental energy, or equality of any of the traits that lead to success. It means equality in the same sense that each human being is a vehicle of some talent, however small, the bearer of some gift, however seemingly inconsiderable, which in the sum total of humanity's development is needed; that each one in his place and with his gift, however insignificant in appearance, is, in fact, indispensable.

The sole reason for ascribing such worth to human beings, is that the moral law enjoins us to do so. Before ever we have discovered whether a man has worth in him or not, the moral law enjoins us to ascribe it to him, to treat him as if he had it, to see him in the light of the possibilities which he has never made good and which he never wholly will make good. Thus, and thus only, shall we bring to light, in part at least, the precious things in his nature, the existence of which we can only divine. The moral law is wholly misunderstood if it be founded on the actual worth or value of men, for none of us has great worth or value. The moral law, as George conceived it, is a law for the eliciting of possibilities. It enjoins us that we shall invest others with a garment of light, that we shall ascribe worth to others, and to ourselves in order that they and we may become worthy. This is the spiritual conception which regulated George's attitude toward friends and foes.

Forty-six years ago, a Priest, who is still living, wrote to George a letter, suggesting that he become a Catholic.

George replied in part as follows:

"Once in a daylight, and in a city street, there came to me a thought, a vision, a call—give it what name you please. But every nerve quivered. And there and then I made a vow. Through evil and through good, whatever I have done and whatever I have left undone, to that I have been true. It was that that impelled me to write "Progress and Poverty," and that sustained me when else I should have failed. And when I had finished the last page, in the dead of night, when I was entirely alone, I flung myself on my knees and wept like a child. The rest was in the Master's hands. That is a feeling

that has never left me, that is constantly with me. And it has led me up and up. It has made me a better and purer man. It has been to me a religion, strong and deep, though vague—a religion of which I never like to speak, or make any outward manifestation, but yet that I try to follow."

What a self revealing picture of a Spiritual Man!

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A Fine on Industry

ONE of the points discussed during the National Tax Association's meeting at Saranac, N. Y., during the week of Sept. 9 is a familiar one. It is that by making improvements on their farms, building up their land and trying to establish farming on a modern business basis, along with the American standard of living, farmers increase their tax assessments. One of the ridiculous iniquities of our taxing system is that it penalizes a man for spending thought, time and money on his farm and home. It is a fine on his thrift, industry and good citizenship. It tends, therefore, to discourage healthy progress toward the realization of wholesome ambitions and the betterment of conditions that make or mar the lives of little children. Taxes are a constant and increasing drain on the human and property resources of the country in general, and of the agricultural industry in particular. What can be done to mitigate the injustices of the system? Why don't farmers' protective associations include this primary item in their demands for equity and relief? Will the people who levy and collect taxes and spend tax money ever reform the system which maintains them at the public crib?—*Rural New Yorker*.

LAND values are rising all over the country, owing to the development of motor transport and the overflow of the population into what have been rural areas. Land which recently had a purely agricultural value becomes eligible land for building purposes, and its market value rises ten, fifty, or a hundred times. The landowner has done nothing to create this increased value." RT. HON. PHILIP SNOWDEN, Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Death of Frederick H. Monroe

ON August 26 at his home in Palos Park, after an illness of two months, died Frederick H. Monroe, President of the Henry George Lecture Association. It is a curious coincidence that his death occurred on the Fiftieth Anniversary of the publication of "Progress and Poverty" and the Twenty-fifth Anniversary of the founding of the Henry George Lecture Association. He had in contemplation a trip to Pittsburgh to attend the Henry George Congress, but had been taken ill while on his eastern tour with his son, John Lawrence, last June and had been failing since that time. He was 64 years old. He is survived by his widow, Irene S. Monroe, and two sons, Frederick H. Jr., 28 and John Lawrence, 21.

Services were held Wednesday afternoon, August 28th, at Lain Chapel, Chicago, attended by many of his friends from Palos Park and the Chicago Single Tax group who gathered to pay their last respects. Rev. U. M. Maguire, editor of the *Baptist*, officiated, while former alderman Wiley Wright Mills paid an affectionate tribute to his more than a quarter-century's devotion to the Henry George cause.

The honorary pallbearers were John Z. White, whose brilliant oratory was made known to thousands through Mr. Monroe's efforts; George A. Schilling, who in 1904 gave Mr. Monroe a ticket to New York that was to start him on his twenty-five years of trans-continental tours; George C. Olcott, Chicago land values expert; Otto Cullman, president of the Merchants and Manufacturers Federal Tax League; Andrew P. Canning and Joseph Foerster, distinguished Chicago followers of Henry George.

The active pallbearers were Henry Hardinge, Patrick Kelliher, George Strachan, Emil O. Jorgenson, and Henry L. T. Tideman, all Mr. Monroe's Single Tax friends of thirty years' standing, and George Burden, a family friend. Mr. Monroe was born in Arcola, Illinois, April 7th, 1865, and after a youth and young manhood spent in Kansas and Colorado, moved to Chicago with Mrs. Monroe in 1895. He was active in the old Chicago Single Tax Club becoming its president for two terms, 1898 and 1899. The Henry George Association, with Mr. Monroe as its president, then was formed to further promote Single Tax educational work in and around Chicago. In 1904 the Henry George Association was organized to conduct the educational work on a nation-wide basis, with John Z. White official lecturer and Mr. Monroe president and treasurer. Travelling becoming too strenuous for Mr. White in 1927 the lecture field was covered then by Hon. George H. Duncan, for ten years a member of the New Hampshire legislature.

During the past five months John Lawrence Monroe has been actively engaged with his father, for the first two months accompanying him in the East, and during his father's illness making the annual trip for the Association through Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota, under