

## SOME IMPRESSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Mr. CHAPMAN WRIGHT, Birmingham: Perhaps the most striking fact revealed at the Conference, especially to those who are not in touch with the movement, was the great progress achieved in the spread of Henry George's teachings throughout the world. Gratifying to the Single Taxers of this country was the evidence manifested at the last meeting of the unanimous agreement that the work of the United Committee, since its formation, had been faithfully and effectively directed with the sole aim of most speedily overcoming the entrenched forces of ignorance and vested interests, and securing the practical application of Henry George's gospel.

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Mr. A. MUNSIE, Glasgow: As I listened to the statements made by various friends from abroad and tried to realize what they had accomplished, some of them working in isolation, I was amazed at the potentialities contained in the personality of a single individual, who, having seen a vision, seeks to make it an accomplished fact. I was also much impressed with the great humility of those who, to say the least, had done yeoman service in the movement.

There was competition between Labour and Liberal for the honour of championing our cause. We ought to rejoice in that fact. The Conference has set friend and foe, and the indifferent person, on the hunt for knowledge. Its value to the movement cannot be measured.

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Miss M. CALDER, London: Although I was at Oxford only during the last few sessions, I will always consider membership of the Conference one of the greatest privileges I have ever had. It was a joy to meet so many men and women who are devoted to the work of making better known the "divine plan" revealed in Henry George's teachings. I felt glad and more than ever confident that with them, and the hosts of others who were there in spirit, giving themselves to the cause, the truth must find acceptance in the minds of all the people.

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Mr. DOUGLAS J. J. OWEN, Manchester: Our thanks are due to the United Committee for bringing us all together and for piloting us through the difficult passages so successfully. One might paraphrase Voltaire and say: "I know I am amongst the politicians because they are arguing; I know they are Single Taxers because they are arguing so overpoweringly." I think we shall all be satisfied that the air was cleared and the positions defined.

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Mr. A. J. MACE, Glasgow: There is always the danger of us stay-at-homes getting the idea that we are ploughing a lonely furrow, but to mix with such a company must surely cheer one up and give encouragement to work for the day when the converging forces will meet to commemorate the occasion of the practical application of our object on a large scale. It was a splendid idea to hold the Conference in a place with so many associations as Oxford. I hope the idea of convening the next International Conference in an early year will be acted upon.

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Mr. WM. THOMSON (Keighley, Yorks): Although I was not able to attend the whole time, my experience during the time I was present satisfied me that the Conference has been a success as propaganda, and a still greater success in giving inspiration to the followers of Henry George.

The reports from the several countries represented show that everywhere progress is being made and that the realization of our hopes may be nearer than many of us have thought possible.

Mr. A. GEISER (Switzerland): That the Conference was a complete success was clearly shown by the ever-increasing interest and the undiminished attendance of the Delegates at every session. I am convinced that everyone has greatly benefited by the various addresses and discussions.

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Mr. S. Y. GILLAN (Wisconsin): In my judgment the recent Conference at Oxford will do much to promote interest in the subject of land taxation in the countries represented at the Conference.

When one considers the keen interest shown by the members and the excellence of most of the addresses—the high excellence of some of them—it would seem inevitable that the net result will be beneficial.

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Dr. ROBERT BRAUN (Budapest):

My chief impressions of the Conference are:—

1. The great moral and material superiority of England.
2. The very able and energetic conduct of business exercised by all the chairmen.
3. The great self-discipline of the members of the Conference. I cannot except any English member, not even those with whom I could not agree as to what they said, as I must acknowledge, they strictly kept the rules of the game. Every other member had an object lesson of the fact that parliamentarism is an English invention.
4. Every praise to Ruskin College. I never found a place where I felt more at home.
5. Undoubtedly the Congress has been a great success. I never thought before so hopefully of the outlook of the movement. Denmark, the British Colonies and South America are very promising. In England the progress is very marked and a victory of the Labour Party may realize all hopes.

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Mr. ARTHUR H. WELLER, Manchester: The Oxford Conference was the greatest and most useful piece of work accomplished by the United Committee since I have been actively associated with the movement—in spite of the "storm in a tea-cup" which disturbed the harmony of the opening proceedings. The wide publicity given to the Conference is very gratifying. The meeting with fellow workers of other lands and the interchange of news and ideas have been mutually helpful, and I have derived the greatest encouragement. A suggestion of much practical importance was made by Mr. Frank Stephens, who recommended the use of the international language, Esperanto, at future international Conferences. I sincerely hope this will be done.

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Mr. WM. NOBLE, STOCKPORT: I do not know yet whether I have got the Conference in the proper perspective; it was all so intense, and I am still marvelling at its wonderful success. It must have given superb encouragement to all serious Single Taxers present. To say it gratified its members seems commonplace, but it so out-distanced all one's conceivable expectations that words are difficult to find.

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Mr. P. LARSEN, Ølstykke, Denmark: To me the Conference week in Oxford was a great and inspiring event. I am now looking forward to the next International LAND AND LIBERTY Conference, hoping to find then that all the disciples of Henry George in America and in Denmark, as in Great Britain, have become more than ever closely united in policy and methods. We shall then be a mighty force before the rulers in all lands, prevailing upon them really to do what we have so earnestly exhorted them to do—or perhaps, rather, be able to do it ourselves.