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Dear Arthur:

Mase Gaffney told me over the phone with considerable indignation today that some character at Harvard whose name I couldn't catch (Peter M---) had reviewed the book you edited somewhere (he didn't know where) and said it was estimony to the "fact" that money could buy support for any idea, no matter how far-fetched.

Mase thought we ought to sue him for libel but of course in the present state of label law that would be futile. (I thought the idea that the Henry George Movement had money enough to do anything was hilarious).

Do you know where the review appeared? I'd like to study it.

If you decide that a reply should be made, it should, of course, be sent to the journal of publication. But if they refuse to print it, or if they condense it too much, remember that the columns of our Journal are wide open to you for a reply at length.

My own opinion is (1) we should always reply. Then when any scholarly writer takes up the charge he is honor bound to include the reply. (2) I think every opportunity should be seized to debate the issues, whether they be fundamental or peripheral.

One thing our movement doesn't have to apologize for this series of TRED books. All good wishes,

Cordially,

Will Lissner

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