

Liberal Conference but those present passed unanimously the usual resolution in favour of the taxation of Land Values. The Highland people will vote for this policy any day, but they get no lead."

OUR PRESS SERVICE

Newspaper clippings that reach us tell of a well-sustained and most effective Press campaign for land value taxation and economic freedom. The record, extensive as it is, would be more complete if all who are engaged in this good service would send us whatever matter is published. The following are the names of writers who have come under our notice during the past two months and have contributed no fewer than 143 letters or articles in papers with a total circulation of many millions:—

Sidney Batten (London); R. S. Bingham (Sheffield); J. Caldwell (Troon); John Cameron (Glasgow); "Catholic Layman" (Glasgow); "Citizen" (Glasgow); S. John Clapp (Epping); A. W. Dakers (Newcastle); Eustace Davies (Cardiff); J. O'D. Derrick (Glasgow and Belfast); Rupert East (Aylesbury); "En Avant" (Glasgow); Herbert Eastwood (Bolton); George Fell (Sheffield); "Fesole" (Keighley); Chas. A. Gardner (Cardiff); Matthew Gemmell (Glasgow); "Gracchus" (Edinburgh); Sir Edgar Harper (London); W. J. Hawkes (Edinburgh); C. H. Jones (Keighley); W. Black Jones (Cardiff); W. R. Lester (Sussex); J. F. Loverseed (London); E. F. MacClafferty (Glasgow); Mrs. MacGrouther (West Kilbride); Andrew MacLaren, M.P.; A. J. Mace (Clydebank); A. W. Madsen (London); Henry Mapp (Saltash); J. M. Marston (Penistone); Rosslyn Mitchell, M.P.; A. S. Munsie (Glasgow); J. K. Musgrave (Bradford); D. J. J. Owen (Manchester); "Carolus Paulus" (Bradford); John Peter (Falkirk); J. S. (Aberdeen); F. Satterthwaite (Dunfermline); Fred Skirrow (Keighley); Jas. N. Symonds (Cornwall); Wm. Thomson (Keighley); "Turgot" (Glasgow); Fredk. Verinder (London); Arthur H. Weller, J.P. (Manchester); Chapman Wright (Birmingham).

The letters and articles have appeared in daily and weekly or monthly papers in all parts of the country and many have been well directed to an exposure of the proposals set forth by Mr. Lloyd George's Land Enquiry Committee.

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BOLTON Municipal Contest

Messrs. HERBERT EASTWOOD and SAMUEL DAVIES, Labour Candidates for the Derby Ward, in their Address to the Electors state the case for local rating:

"At present every penny spent by the municipality on parks, open spaces, schools, tram and bus services increases the value of the land. This happens also in regard to the making of new roads and the increased value is taken by the landlord from the purchaser or tenant. The landlord has produced nothing, but secures the benefit of public enterprise and expense. Then the man who puts his land to good use, or builds upon it a house or shop or factory has to pay an exorbitant price. This is not equity. The community suffers where it should benefit. Tax land values."

Mr. Eastwood is a tireless advocate of the Taxation of Land Values.

GRIMSBY

Mr. ARTHUR J. ANDERSON, Municipal (Labour) Candidate for the Wellington Ward in his Address to the Electors links up the Rating of Land Values with housing and unemployment. We quote in part:—

"The Rating question lies at the bottom of the housing and most other problems. By levying rates upon business premises and dwelling houses we impose an unjust penalty upon the industry of the people. This burden hampers industry and reduces the spending power of the people, thereby causing poverty, depression of trade, and unemployment. Why not rate land values for the community and take the rates off all business premises and houses? This would bring land into the market, give house building and trade generally an impetus which would solve both the unemployment and the housing problems."

MONTAGUE R. LEVERSON

The death, at Bournemouth on 26th September, of Dr. Montague R. Levenson, at the ripe age of 95, removes one more of the rapidly diminishing band of men who personally knew and loved and followed Henry George. Dr. Levenson was of Jewish birth, but became a member of the English Church.

He was widely known in the States as one of the early opponents of Tammany Hall, and in England as a learned opponent of vaccination. He studied under John Stuart Mill, and in 1876 published in New York a primer of political economy for schools and colleges. Going to California to arrange for the circulation of this book on the Pacific Coast, he heard of *PROGRESS AND POVERTY*. On reading the book he "declared that he had met his master in the study, and that not another copy of his primer should be issued until the work had been re-written. This manifestation of rare intellectual honesty," writes Henry George, Junr., in his father's *LIFE*, "was never forgotten by Mr. George."

Another story, also told in the *LIFE*, I have myself heard from Dr. Levenson's own lips. The doctor was a neighbour of Henry George at Fort Hamilton, N.Y., when George was asked to stand for election as Mayor of Greater New York. George's own doctor, Dr. Kelly, had already warned him against the danger he was running. "One afternoon," wrote Dr. Levenson, "after talking over the mayoralty subject, we went for a walk on Shore Road, just in front of his house. Mr. George was convalescent merely, indications showing to the physician the still existent condition. Continuing the conversation commenced in the house, Mr. George said to me: 'Tell me: If I accept, what is the worst that can happen to me?' I answered: 'Since you ask, you have a right to be told. It will most probably prove fatal.' He said: 'You mean it may kill me?' 'Most probably, yes.' 'Dr. Kelly says the same thing, only more positively. But I have got to die. How can I die better than serving humanity? Besides, so dying will do more for the cause than anything I am likely to be able to do in the rest of my life.'" As we all know, Dr. Levenson's prophecy was tragically fulfilled, five days before the poll.

When Dr. Levenson, some years later, came to live in England, he joined the English League.—*R.I.P.*

FREDK. VERINDER.

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