

## YES, SHAKESPEARE WAS OF US.

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Your article on "How much did Shakespeare Divine," is good. Its complementary quotation to those in my article (which you quote) show how our great poet realized the evils of taxation. I think we may enroll him in our roll of honor. Do you not think so?

I often think of the old guard I knew long ago. Crossdale in his shirt sleeves at the *Standard* office, Benjamin Doblin, and others. Also I heard Henry George at Cooper Institute on his birthday when he arrived home from Australia just in time to be at the Single Tax Convention. Louis Post made an admirable chairman. Shearman, Maguire, Jerry Simpson (the "Sockless Senator") Garrison, Ralston and other noble workers of the past roused us to a heat which even now still to a degree remains.

Melbourne, Australia.

F. T. HODGKISS.

## NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

A. LAWRENCE SMITH is an envelope manufacturer in Detroit, Michigan. Besides he is a well known and devoted Single Taxer. From his business house he has recently sent forth some unique and well printed literature. One is a four page leaflet dealing with so-called over-production. Another is one treating of unemployment. Still another is a six page pamphlet, "Corn Laws and Starvation," with tariff matter culled from the life of John Bright and original comments by Mr. Smith himself. Concluding these pictures of famine, our friend says: "What the tariff is doing to us here and now is exactly what it was doing to the English in 1842."

MAX W. LORENZ of Portland, Oregon, made arrangements for Dr. James Richmond, of Coquille, Oregon, to address the Knights of the Round Table, October 21, at their noon luncheon at the Multnomah hotel.

Dr. Richmond's father, a coal miner of Scotland, came to America many years ago to better his economic conditions. Dr. Richmond has been a Single Taxer for over 17 years.

There were about 50 present at this meeting. Dr. Richmond stressed the points: that all children who come into the world have a right to live; that in order to sustain life they must have the right to natural opportunities: land is the only natural opportunity, and that land must be free. He spoke against private property in land values. He said that the Single Tax would collect the rental value of natural opportunities; that rent is a community value, and that free land would solve the labor problem. He poked fun at the republican and democratic parties for the solutions they have to offer on economic problems. He made the distinction that what is paid for the use of a house is interest and for the use of land is rent. Dr. Richmond's boldness and fearlessness are to be admired.

A HEARING was held in this city by the Senate Committee on the Sales Tax at the Lawyers' Club, West 44th Street, and a number of Single Taxers spoke in opposition. M. Van Veen and Henry Donovan, spoke against it and advocated the tax on land values. So also in somewhat milder fashion did John J. Dillon, editor of *The Rural New Yorker*. Norman Thomas, while advocating incidentally a tax on inheritances, stressed the need of land value taxation. About 300 were present, and the hearing was well reported in the newspapers of the city.

A RECEPTION to Mr. Ashley Mitchell, of England, one of the stalwart Henry George men of Great Britain, was given by Mrs. Anna George deMille at her home in this city on the night of Nov. 20. Among

those present were Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy, Mr. Fred Cranford, Miss Charlotte Schetter, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Geiger, Mrs. Henry George, Jr., Mr. Charles T. Root, and others. Mr. Mitchell gave an interesting account of happenings in Great Britain. It was a very enjoyable gathering of the friends of our distinguished visitor.

LAND TENURES and Economic Justice is the title of an interesting and important article by P. D. Plain running serially in the North Wichita (Kansas) *Times*, a local weekly.

ARTHUR HOOPES has written the following letter to President Hoover: "Referring to your talk at Kings' Mountain several weeks ago, is it correct to speak as if there were equality of economic opportunity when the resources of nature are legally in the hands of a small minority of the people? Many able minds think not."

J. R. HERMANN worked with C. J. Ewing in James Hill's machine shop in Peoria 33 years ago. They met for the first time since that date at the Henry George Congress in San Francisco.

THOMAS COLEGATE, of Rome, Ga., talked over the radio on the Single Tax at the rate of 25 cents per minute. He talked 30 minutes. This good work was made possible by a generous contribution from Harry Willock.

CHARLES H. BAILDON, well known Single Taxer, passed away at Ludlowville, N. Y., on October 11, at the age of 69. He worked as a young man for O. H. Wilmarth at 40 Nassau Street, N. Y. City. He became interested in the Single Tax and was instrumental in bringing Mr. Wilmarth into the fold. O. H. Wilmarth was a brother of the better known L. E. Wilmarth. When about 24 years old Mr. Baidon moved to Marlboro, N. Y., and engaged in fruit and poultry farming. Here the editor of LAND AND FREEDOM was accustomed to go on his summer vacations and met Mr. Baidon on many occasions. He wrote a number of articles for this paper and other periodicals, and expressed his thoughts clearly and with force. He was loved and respected by his fellow townsmen and was active in the civic work of his village. He leaves a widow and one daughter. Charlie Baidon was a gentle, retiring man, possessed of a fine sense of justice in his personal dealings and social outlook.

The *Christian Science Monitor* contained good reports of the Henry George Congress.

JOHN M. MOORE, of Lancaster, Pa., writes us under date of October 13: "During the summer months I visited the British Isles and Northern Ireland, but found conditions very bad, with many of the Tory papers clamoring for Protection and Empire Free Trade. The evil effects of private ownership in land are more apparent in those countries than one can realize, unless they pay a visit to them, and then the effect seems startling."

WALDO J. WERNICKE, of Los Angeles, Calif., is a tireless letter writer. So is M. Van Veen of this city, who finds time from his regular out-door meetings to write short crisp letters to the *World*, *Telegram* and other New York papers. James B. Ellery, of Erie, Pa., is another indefatigable Single Tax letter writer. A rather lengthy letter appears from the last named in the *Erie Dispatch-Herald* of that city. Another letter from the same hand finds place in the *Christian Register*, which is read by Unitarians all over the country. This called forth a letter of commendation from Brother Newell, of the U. S. Engineer's office at Vicksburg, Mississippi.

"How Third Party Tickets are Put Up" is the title of a four page