

to face undauntedly the prejudice visited on advocates of unpopular causes. He stood sturdily for the truth where others were content to remain quiescent.

On the night of January 13 when about 70 Single Taxers assembled, Mr. C. J. Ewing, of Peoria, paid a tribute to his departed friend and related a few of the incidents in his life.

Mr. Hill did not allow his work for the cause to alienate him from civic service and helpfulness to others. The *Peoria Journal* says of him:

Mr. Hill was noted for his kindness of heart and no appeal for aid was ever made to him in vain by any worthy person. For seven years he held the chairmanship of the Citizen's Waterworks committee of Peoria, and it is estimated that he saved the people more than \$100,000 by his efforts on their behalf. He was also the democratic nominee for congress in 1908, and though defeated, made an honorable and memorable campaign.

The *Journal* pays this tribute to our dead friend:

In spite of his distinguished mental gifts and the wide fund of knowledge he had accumulated by a lifetime of reading, Mr. Hill was singularly lacking in personal ambitions. His chosen task was to promote the welfare of the mass of the people and to that end he devoted an amount of effort and ability which might have lifted him to eminence.

## Dr. Charles L. Babcock

BORN in 1863 in Illinois, Dr. Charles L. Babcock, of Manitowac, Wisconsin, died February 26 of this year. The funeral was held in Milwaukee with interment at Forest Home Cemetery in that city. For many years he practiced medicine in Milwaukee and but three years ago retired from active practice and took up his home in Manitowac. He leaves a widow and two daughters, one of whom is a member of the High School faculty of Manitowac.

The Manitowac *Pilot* comments on the death of our friend as follows:

Dr. Babcock's going will be keenly felt. He had an unusually attractive personality. A native dignity was combined with a lively sense of humor. Everyone liked him. There was nothing of "swank," pretense or pose. He was delightful company. His going will leave a void in the local Kiwanis Club where he was active and popular.

The same revelation that Henry George said made a "faith that was dead revive" came to Dr. Babcock shortly after the George-Hewitt-Roosevelt campaign in New York in 1886, and life had for him a new interest and charm that never waned. Without being a bore about it he never refused an opportunity of openly, willingly and proudly helping along the Single Tax cause, the adoption of which he was firmly convinced would rectify all the major social ills of our civilization.

A true gentleman has gone on to the place reserved for those who loved men and were unafraid.

## Progress in Denmark

RECENTLY Dr. Axel Dam, member of the Justice Party of Denmark, who with the Rev. T. C. Willesen, was elected a member of the Danish Rigsdag at the last election, was congratulated by President Charles O'Connor Hennessy of the International Union for the taxation of Land Values and Free Trade. To Mr. Hennessy's letter Dr. Dam responded as follows under date of February 6th. "Dear Mr. President:

I thank you heartily for your kind felicitation, and can assure you that my associate, the Rev. T. C. Willesen, is also a follower of Henry George as to land values and free trade; else he could not be a member of the League of Justice, which is a pure Single Tax party and will abolish all other taxes.

We have had a great progress and hope for still more at the next election, because now people are not afraid of wasting their votes in giving them to our candidates.

With kind regards."

Yours sincerely,

AXEL DAM, M. P.

Dr. Dam represents a Copenhagen district and Pastor Williams the town of Randers in Jutland. The campaign was made on the Single Tax without compromise.

Dr. Dam is a forceful personality and a brilliant and commanding speaker. Dr. Willesen is a leading influence in the community. Both are young men and full of fight. It will be interesting to watch their careers in office.

Speaking of Denmark, we learn from the recently published Index issued by the New York Trust Co. that this forward looking nation is the only European country that has increased its export trade by 100% or more between 1913 and 1925.

## Anything to Build Houses

DARWIN R. JAMES, board chairman State Housing Commission, says private citizens will organize limited dividend companies to build low-rent dwellings as soon as the city changes its way of taxing land and buildings.

Take the tax off the building, urges James. Put the whole tax on the land the building stands on. Let the tax go up or down with the land's value. Don't tax the building for twenty or thirty years. That, he says, will encourage building, while rent laws only discourage landlords.

Having made this proposal, James will probably spend most of his time up to next July 4 in digging out from under great piles of letters from Single Taxers.

But if such a taxation change will help to get houses built, let's have the change. It is going to be hard enough under any circumstances, to induce results through the housing plan wished on us by those who knew so much more than Al Smith.—N. Y. *Daily News*.