

the same as savings, and partly a wealth yet to be produced by labor in the future. It has no business to be used in any argument to disprove that certain individuals or interests are getting more than their proper share of the wealth produced at any particular time, the national income, in other words.

It might be a good thing for Dr. Jordan if he would acquaint himself with fundamental economics as laid down in "Progress and Poverty" by Henry George before starting out to combat President Roosevelt's policies and the claims of Communists and Socialists in a single speech.

Brooklyn, N. Y.

JOHN LUXTON.

### AN INJUSTICE TO LINCOLN

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

A local daily recently published a communication declaring that a quotation which has for years been attributed to Abraham Lincoln is a discredited myth. In various forms it has been claimed that Mr. Lincoln regarded even interstate trade as leading to social injustice, money being sent out of one locality for goods available at home. Among recent quoters of this apocryphal Lincoln utterance have been Senator Dickinson, of Iowa, Congressman Charles W. Henney, of Wisconsin and the famous Arthur Brisbane.

The matter is said to be dealt with fully in Prof. Taussig's book, "The Tariff, Free Trade and Reciprocity," to be found in libraries, and it appears possible that the quotation has been based, not on any statement of Lincoln, but rather on a fugitive remark of Robert G. Ingersoll in 1890.

Long Branch, N. J., July 6, 1934.

GEORGE WHITE.

### THE OLD GUARD IS PASSING ON

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

The death of Mrs. Katherine E. Bradley, of Olean, killed in an automobile accident some two months ago, is a very real loss not only to the friends who knew and loved her well, but to our cause. She was an untiring worker, to whom all life was to be understood and explained in terms of the truth as taught by Henry George. Add to this burning conviction the charm of a frail little woman, of disarming gentleness, with a quick motherly sympathy for everyone she met, and you have a combination powerful in its influence for good. Of the many times I was privileged to meet and work with her one memory especially stands out clear in the grief at her passing. We crossed on the same boat to the Copenhagen Conference in '26, Mrs. Bradley, Miss Janet Brownlee and myself. And how often the picture comes back now, of this charming little gray-haired woman sitting, with embroidery or knitting, in a sheltered corner on the deck, an ideal portrait of a gentle grandmother. No one could pass by without stopping for a word with her. And anyone who stopped went away with a Single Tax Tract of some sort in his hand. She always had a pile of them beside her. And most of those tracts were read. For Mrs. Bradley's manner of arousing interest was so ingratiating, so sympathetic of the other's viewpoint, that half the battle was won before the visitor left her. She arranged a meeting in the saloon at which I spoke. Everyone attended and many questions were asked. Several of our shipboard acquaintances did come to some of the Copenhagen meetings.

Many converts Mrs. Bradley made in just that same gentle motherly way. Her sweetness of nature, and back of it the flame of a deep and warm belief, were invincible. Her personal friends will miss her sadly. And our work will miss her as well.

New Canaan, Conn.

GRACE ISABEL COLBRON.

### WE TRY TO BE KINDLY

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

As a disciple of Henry George, I read with interest our Single Tax publication, LAND AND FREEDOM.

Much of it delights and interests me, but one policy that is pursued by the editor, is decidedly objectionable to me, and I think unworthy of a true follower of Henry George. His was a character which radiated kindness, courtesy, and tolerance. I am convinced that in order to be successful in spreading his gospel, and making converts to the Henry George theory, we must use his methods.

I believe many of the harsh criticism of the Administration and the President are out of place in a publication devoted to the principles of Henry George, which are based upon the Christian Ideal.

In the last issue of LAND AND FREEDOM, the letter addressed to Sleepy Garment Mills, Centerville, Mich., a copy of which you state was sent to the President, I regard as an insult and therefore, an instance of poor citizenship. If it ever reached the President, his re-action would be anything but friendly to our cause, and after all, are we not striving to make friends?

While you and I feel that the programme of recovery is complicated and economically unsound, that to adopt the Single Tax would simplify and expedite recovery, because it would be working with natural law instead of against it, we should give the Administration credit for right motives, and be patient yet a while with experimentation, for may it not be that Henry George's great philosophy has been reserved for "such a time as this."

I truly hope that if any formal protest against the programme is made at the coming Congress at Chicago, it will be done as Henry George would have done it.

Omaha, Neb.

MRS. H. J. BAILEY.

### ON UPTON SINCLAIR

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

Notwithstanding his endorsement of the Single Tax philosophy as expressed on several occasions in public addresses, Upton Sinclair's advent on the political scene, is, in my judgment, by no means reassuring or helpful to the cause so dear to out-and-out Single Tax followers of Henry George. I have heard Sinclair but once on this theme and once was enough.

Sinclair is an opportunist, a self-seeker and a man with no distinct convictions, save that he is a thoroughgoing Socialist, but so completely befuddled with respect to what is sound economic doctrine as to be discredited by every George man who has heard him, or studied his numerous isms and bewildering theories, some of them contradictory. The occasion on which I formed an adverse judgment of this so-called reformer was the dinner given at Town Hall, New York City, last winter, when the plan was undertaken to bring Socialists and Single Taxers together to determine if there was not some common ground on which they might go forward in efforts to reform the present injustices in our social order.

At that meeting Sinclair demonstrated that he knows but little about the imperishable doctrines of Henry George. While he was saying a good word for the Single Tax in passing, it was plain that his mind was filled with the Socialist's error in declaring that capital is the guilty party and must be punished and rendered helpless by huge taxes on wealth as we Single Taxers define it. If this man shall be able, by his sophistries, to convince a majority of the voters of California that he is the right man for Governor of that Commonwealth, then I venture to predict that the cause of sound social reform will be set back at least a decade, since his attempt to put into effect the various nostrums he is now preaching will very quickly demonstrate their futility, and the electorate of the State will quickly return to a conservative course in politics. In such an eventuality we would suffer since the conservatives would class us as guilty with Sinclair and if we sought to disclaim association with him or sympathize with his ideas, they would simply point to his so-called endorsement of the Single Tax. I repeat that Sinclair is no real Single Taxer and never has been.

Westfield, N. J.

EDWIN J. JONES.