In any event, is there a better place than Massachusetts or Michigan for "Organization and Action?"

Fall River, Mass. THOMAS N. ASHTON.

THE MAJOR CRIME OF THE AGES

EDITOR LAND AND FREEDOM:

I think it safe to say that a vast majority of our citizens do not know with any precision what the "Single Tax" is. The HGSSS is doing wonderful educational work. But the scattered disciples throughout the country seem not able to accomplish much individually. Would we not accomplish more by stating our case in more aggressive language, forgetting for the time the improved tax aspect of the subject, great as that is?

We propose to abolish landlordism without direct compensation to present land owners. Why not put the proposition in that form directly and often? Landlordism is the major crime of the ages. It is the cause of all class poverty, crime and war, in all countries. It is the cause of classes; class jealousy and bitterness; class want and misery; class pride, extravagances and waste; of huge fortunes, and widespread distress and indigence.

The institution of landlordism was introduced into this country from Europe. Now that land here is all "owned," landlordism is doing here what it has done there. Look at the farmers calling for government dole; the spreading slums in every city; the ten or twelve millions of unemployed; the constant increase of farm tenancy. No New Deal remedies have checked nor even reduced the onward march of these evils.

The Socialists and Communists see this condition and are urging their remedies, and may eventually put them in effect,—by force, if they cannot by the ballot. The fascists also see these growing conditions, and propose to crystalize them into permanence by force, with a standing army and concentration camps. We who believe in democracy, know that the one and only thing that can preserve democracy is to restore free land to the people, as we have free water, free air, free sunshine.

Our proposition, like the avoidance of sin, is one that does not have two sides. Can we not invent more methods of impressing the urgency of the Single Tax upon those who do not know what they need so much to know?—for much good or evil can happen in a generation or two.

Oshkosh, Wis. JOHN HARRINGTON.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

THE death of Andrew P. Canning of Chicago, which occurred on September 10, is a great loss to the Henry George movement. Mr. Canning was born in Glasgow, Scotland. In 1869 he came to America when he was fifteen years old. His death was a shock to his family and friends, for he was apparently recovering from an operation and seemingly on the road to recovery. He was one of the real orators of our movement. He was a friend and subscriber to LAND AND FREEDOM for a long time. He had been active in the real estate business in Chicago since 1893. He is survived by his widow and two sons, Gordon of Evanston, attorney in Chicago, and Graeme Canning, professor of zoology in the University of Tennessee. The notice of his death was received from Mr. Gordon Canning, and we may perhaps be pardoned for quoting from this communication. Mr. Canning writes: "Knowing of your long friendship with my father and his great admiration for you I wanted to convey the notice of his death personally." Andrew Canning was regarded as an authority on Robert Burns and could quote from him *ad libitum*. It is interesting to reflect that at the time he passed away many of his friends from Chicago were gathered in Toronto to uphold the cause to which so many of his years had been devoted.

AN admirable review of Professor George Geiger's "Theory of the Land Question," appears in the *Standard* of Sydney, Australia, from the practised pen of S. V. Larkin.

THE New Frontier Lecture Guild has been started by the Graded Tax Committee of this city. Mr. Walter Fairchild and Mr. Laue are prepared to cover dates in Ohio and Pennsylvania between October 17 and October 29, but both will be available locally after that and before they leave. The work of the Frontier Lecture Guild is purely educational and entirely separate from legislative effort. Several measures sponsored by the Graded Tax Committee are awaiting consideration by the City Council.

THE annual Henry George Birthday Meeting, for many years a feature of the first September Sunday, was held this year at Arden on Sunday, Sept. 4; Harry W. Hetzel presiding. Speakers were Harold Sudell, Julian Hickok, Grace Isabel Colbron, Katherine F. Ross and Thomas Jefferson Davis. There was a very good attendance in the beautiful little open-air theatre designed by Frank Stephens. His ashes lie in front of the big rock that backs the stage.

Another who was sadly missed was Edwin (Ned) Ross, for many years the genial chairman of that Birthday Meeting. This was the first meeting since his death.

THERE are few papers that come to our desk in which fundamental economics are taught so simply and effectively as in *Cause and Effect*, from Foley, Alabama, and edited by C. R. Walker.

WITH the great voice of Peter Witt in Toronto still sounding in our ears we are doubly gratified by the receipt from Mr. Witt of an autographed copy of his pamphlet containing his broadcast over the radio on Abraham Lincoln, the Man of Sorrow. It is published and copyrighted by the William Feather Company. Lancaster Greene, B. W. Burger and Charles H. Ingersoll are similarly honored.

W. L. CROSMAN of Revere, Mass., writes: "There are the indifferent persons who do not concern themselves about our economic ills. They probably have a steady job and are not concerned about the jobless brother, believing he could find employment if he tried. Such persons are self-satisfied. They belong to the same class as those who think there is something wrong with the economic setup but "Let George do it." What chance is there for progress along the lines of justice and freedom when so many are obsessed with the idea of keeping abreast of the times concerning most all sports? Watch the pages that street-car riders read."

Land and Liberty of London, tells us of the determination of the London County Council to promote land values legislation in Parliament. This is good news indeed.

THE Rural Problem is the title of an article which appears in the *Louisiana Teachers' Journal* from the pen of Dr. J. H. Dillard, a lifelong Georgeist. He concludes: "Good schools, good roads and other improvements are all right. But whatever we may do, the basic means for rural advancement and for assuring rural progress is more division of the land and more homes held by the people in their own right."

JOSEPH F. COWERN of St. Paul writes: "You get out a fine paper. It must be quite a job to find so much interesting material."

BOTH the *New York Times* and the *New York Herald Tribune* had long accounts of the purchase of the building for the Henry George School by the trustees of the School. Both accounts were in the form of an interview with Dr. Chodorov.