

so many years appeared in our columns above the familiar signature "L. H. B." These services so well maintained in LAND VALUES were given with gladness and enthusiasm, for Lewis Berens regarded our journal and its work of prime importance. To him it was undoubtedly the best and biggest instrument for the promotion of our ideas; it was the agency which brought the forces of the organised movement together and kept them together. Through it he could speak in freedom to our public; he could suggest what should be done in the way of propaganda; he could lay bare some fallacy or clear away some doubts, as the case might be. The journal was his constant care, and amid all his brilliant work with his pen he never considered himself better occupied than when devoting himself to its pages.

So long as the movement for equal rights to land exists, Lewis Berens will exist. His work is an abiding contribution, and we can be glad and grateful for what he was permitted to do. In him we have lost a loving and lovable friend, a charming companion, a loyal and trusted comrade, one whose influence for good will remain with us for all time.

JOSEPH FELS

A few months after Lewis Berens had passed away it was our painful duty to record the death of Joseph Fels, which took place, after a brief illness from pneumonia, at Philadelphia on Sunday, 22nd February, 1914. It is difficult to realise even now that we are bereft of this great advocate of our cause, who, in his work here as a member and generous supporter of the United Committee during six short years, carved out for himself a name and a place in the movement never to be forgotten while Single Taxers are banded together to promote their ideal. He was rightly regarded as a leader in our world-wide movement. He gave his life to its service, and he wisely used his means to open up the way for others to do likewise. There are, after all, only three main things one can do—talk, write, and provide the means for others to talk and write. He did all three to some purpose. If ever a man stood, body, soul, and spirit for the cause he loved to serve, it was Joseph Fels. If he had any ambition for a place in the movement, it was to be known and appreciated as a worker and not as a generous subscriber to its funds. His efforts were by no means confined to Great Britain or to his native country, the United States. He reached to co-workers in Germany, Denmark, Hungary, Sweden, France, Spain, China, and his donations were the means of awakening new thoughts and activities in Australia and New Zealand. His correspondence was voluminous. It came from all parts of the globe wherever anything was being done; wherever a single taxpayer could be found ready to do anything to promote the policy, or one who could suggest any action to be taken, he seemed to get into communication with him. He was a man with a faith that knew no geographical boundaries, nor frontier lines. He would set out cheerfully to some conference to be held on some phase of the social problem in some foreign land, with the deliberate intention of finding some one to voice his views, as readily as he would go to speak at a meeting at his own door. Whatever company he found himself in, he fearlessly proclaimed himself as an unfettered disciple of Henry George. This was his religion, and he lived up to it. He loved his fellow-men in whatever walk of life he found them. He gave much from his store of worldly goods to spread the

light on his cure for social problems, and along with his devoted wife he generously helped many other causes as well. His coming into the land values taxation movement here in Great Britain marked a new era in our activities. It was the signal for strenuous effort by voice and pen. The opposing forces of every kind had to reckon with a volume of sentiment for which they were ill prepared, and when he passed beyond our ken our more farseeing opponents had to admit that he was the direct means of advancing our ideas quite beyond their power to gauge or control. What Joseph Fels achieved for the cause he lived and died for constitutes a striking and all-enduring tribute to his memory.

THE NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The unexpected and lamented death of Joseph Fels, who was the most liberal subscriber towards our funds, has introduced a new problem in financing the Committee's operations. The vigorous, sustained, and effective propaganda we have been able to carry out, as to which this and our previous Annual Reports bear witness, is in jeopardy unless the advocates and supporters of the taxation of land values realise that Joseph Fels's work must be taken up and continued. Let it not be understood that Joseph Fels had no associates in providing the means to pay for maintaining our past activities. Since his coming to us he has induced and influenced ever-increasing donations from others which amount to a sum far in excess of what the movement previously was able to collect. Yet it was a constant source of vexation to him to think that his well-known generous support kept back contributions from many who, persuading themselves that the Committee's needs were not urgent, thought they could afford to spend their money in other directions, although they were as firmly convinced as Joseph Fels was in favour of our policy. Whatever justification there may have been for this belief, the time has now come for the movement, not to supplement Joseph Fels's donations in a more liberal measure, but to find substitutes to take his place and maintain at the same time increasing support from other sources. Our past record of achievement and the admitted danger of slackening our efforts in any degree only emphasise the urgent necessity of persevering with undiminished strength in our agitation. But it is impossible to do so, it is impossible to make the campaign, to hold meetings, to print and distribute the leaflets and pamphlets so necessary for spreading the knowledge of our policy, or to do anything to influence public opinion, unless the requisite funds are placed at our disposal. Those who have the means to make our cause advance and believe in it have a responsibility which we are sure they will be the first to recognise. One friend, a member of the United Committee, who knows and understands the value of the United Committee's work and the services it can render in advancing his ideals, has promised £100 per annum for the next three years, apart from and in addition to his annual donation of a like amount, if thirty-nine others can be found to join him. His appeal has meantime resulted in a response of donations of £500 from one supporter, £250 from another, and £300 from three others. We cannot believe that numerous others will have difficulty in persuading themselves that £100 or more is no undue contribution for them to make to the movement they have at heart. But we are not approaching only those who can give