A Disappointed Socialist

To the Editor, LAND & LIBERTY.

For more than thirty years I have been a member of the Socialist movement, working to achieve Social Justice for everybody. To-day I am disappointed. Justice is no nearer than it was when I started all those years ago. Indeed, until the equal rights of all to the land are recognised by applying Henry George's proposal to tax land values, we shall have neither Justice nor its concommitant, Freedom. Socially there is less freedom to-day than there was in the days of King John.

I believe our country is suffering from a feeling of frustration which is being expressed in Parliament, in business and in the factories. There is widespread dissatisfaction with high taxation and with matters generally. People everywhere are looking for an alternative. It seems to me that the Henry George movement alone provides a real alternative to all the other policies and programmes which have all been tried and which have all failed.

The present time and immediate future provide a unique opportunity for your movement to expand and to assume the prominent place in the political scene which is its due. For a long time the followers of Henry George have suffered from the conspiracy of silence. The ordinary people, looking for the way to justice, peace and prosperity, are not aware of the method your movement advocates, and would not at first see the connection between a tax on land values and the solution of the many problems of their day-to-day lives. But once the basic principles enunciated by Henry George are understood they will be the subject of animated discussions in trains, in clubs and in the public houses.

Although I am not a member of your organisation I would like to make two suggestions based upon many years' experience of political activity. First, Georgeists should seek election to local councils, and to every kind of committee so that their principles may be widely heard and debated. Secondly, I urge all who believe in the ideals of Henry George to consider broadening the basis of their work by entering mass movement activity thereby gaining a tremendous impetus for progress.

Yours, etc.,

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