# The Henry George Foundation of America

DEDICATED TO

# FREEDOM JUSTICE PROSPERITY



"Whoever becomes imbued with a noble idea kindles a flame from which other torches are lit, and influences those with whom he comes in contact—be they few or many."

-Henry George

In Honor of Henry George
Who has Pointed the Way to the Solution of Our Great Economic Problem

# The Henry George Foundation

Established as a permanent national institution in honor of the great philosopher, economist and exponent of freedom and for the purpose of popularizing his great idea which has come to be known as "The Single Tax." Born in Pennsylvania, the State which gave birth to Henry George, it will be formally launched at the Henry George Memorial Celebration, September 2d, 1926.

The Foundation has been incorporated under the laws of Pennsylvania, with a responsible board of twenty-one trustees who are substantial business and professional men, as well as loyal and active participants in the Single Tax movement. Associated with them is a National Advisory Commission which includes many prominent figures in the movement and is representative of all sections of the country.

# In Honor of the Memory of Henry George

As has been truly said by the author of *The Single Tax Movement in the United States*, "few movements of any sort bear such a striking relation to the life and work of a single individual as the Single Tax movement bears to the life and work of Henry George." His name and fame have spread throughout the civilized world but due honor has never been yet paid to his memory. It is deemed most fitting, therefore, that this permanent national organization which is to spread and popularize the economic philosophy which he gave to the world be christened "The Henry George Foundation of America."

# A Forward Movement for Genuine Economic Reform

In the interest of permanent prosperity and to the end that better living and working conditions may be enjoyed by all the people, this Foundation will undertake to bring about a more general understanding of the essential truths of the science of economics as taught by Henry George. Social, industrial and economic problems are ever present and cannot be ignored, but ignorance of, or indifference to the fundamental economic principles retards intelligent efforts to solve these pressing problems.

# Demand for Tax Relief

The ever-increasing demands for public revenue to meet the requirements of government, national, state and local, with growing protests against intolerable burdens, indicate the need for a scientific system of raising public revenue that will replace the many oppressive taxes that so greatly retard business and industry and are largely responsible for the high cost of living.

# The Goal-A Million

Such a national institution must be supplied with large financial resources in order to place the cause it represents before the American public in an adequate manner. The goal set by the leaders of the Foundation is a million dollar endowment fund. Such an endowment will guarantee a permanent income ample to carry on a broad, constructive educational work that will be national in scope. This high ambition may not be realized at once, but is the goal toward which we strive and which we believe is altogether possible of attainment.



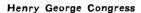
The Birthplace of Henry George

# To Make Birthplace a Shrine

There has long been a feeling that the old home on Tenth Street in Philadelphia, where Henry George was born on September 2d, 1839, fortunately still standing, should be preserved and made an historic shrine, which may be visited now and in the years to come by the thousands of his devoted disciples and by many thousands more who shall learn to appreciate his service to humanity. Believing that the single-taxers of America, and in fact, his followers throughout the world, are heartily in accord with this sentiment, the Henry George Foundation is planning to acquire the birthplace property, restore it to its approximate original condition, and erect a fitting bronze tablet to mark it as the birthplace of the great prophet of a better and brighter day that is to come when freedom shall have been attained and involuntary poverty abolished.

"Liberty means Justice, and Justice is the natural law the law of health and symmetry and strength, of fraternity and co-operation."

-Henry George



A fitting tribute is to be paid to the memory of Henry George by the assembling of the Henry George Congress under the auspices of the Foundation, on the occasion of the celebration of the eighty-seventh anniversary of his birth, in which the single-taxers of America are invited to participate, as well as the general public. This gathering will serve both as a memorial celebration and as an inspiration for an awakening of renewed interest in the national movement to advance the Georgean economic philosophy. Public meetings will be held at the Sesqui-Centennial International Exposition, which will be in complete operation in September and will be attracting many thousands of people to Philadelphia. A three-day program has been arranged for September 2d, 3d, and 4th. Speakers prominent in public life, as well as intimate personal associates of Henry George, will address the Congress, and special memorial exercises will be held at the birthplace.

# Popularizing the Single Tax

Careful study will be given to the problem of popularizing the Single Tax. The progress of the Single Tax movement depends upon the development of favorable public sentiment and such public sentiment must be created by using all effective resources for directing attention to the economic problem in its many phases. The Foundation seeks to inaugurate a scientifically planned campaign of popular education by disseminating distinctive literature, carefully devised to attract and convince specific groups of people, using modern methods of efficient advertising and publicity.

The Foundation also proposes to establish a high-grade lecture bureau which will furnish speakers of national reputation to social, civic, commercial, religious and fraternal organizations for timely and interesting discussions of social, economic and fiscal problems.

While due attention will be given to the immediate problem of taxation, the deeper social and economic significance of the Georgean program will be emphasized in order that the public may obtain an adequate conception of the vital importance of the Single Tax through an understanding of the far-reaching benefits which would flow from its adoption.

"The great work of the present for every man and every organization of men who would improve social conditions, is the work of education—the propagation of ideas."

-Henry George



Organized effort means multiplied activity. The value of organization is everywhere recognized and cannot be ignored in plans for the advancement of a movement of such vital significance as that associated with the promotion of the Single Tax. The Henry George Foundation of America offers its leadership in a constructive effort to build and maintain effective Single Tax organization, cooperating with existing organizations and fostering organization where none now exists.

It desires to enlist a large membership with every section of the country represented. The doors are open to all who are in sympathy with the ideals of economic freedom and social justice and who would seek their realization by the abolition of the monopoly of land and natural resources through the taxation of land values as proposed by Henry George.

#### CLASSES OF MEMBERSHIP

# HENRY GEORGE MEMORIAL MEMBERS

Those who contribute \$1000 or more.

Names to be enrolled on the Bronze Tablet to be erected on the dedication of the Henry George Birthplace. Entitled to all privileges of membership free of dues for life, including right to vote for election of Board of Trustees.

### LIFE MEMBERS

Those who contribute \$500.

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Those who contribute \$100 per annum.

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#### CHARTER MEMBERS

Those who sign the charter book and contribute \$100,

Entitled to all privileges of membership, including right to vote for election of Board of Trustees, free of dues for a period of five years.

# CONTRIBUTING MEMBERS

Class A	Dues	\$25
Class B	4.4	\$10
Class C		\$ 5

# AFFILIATING MEMBERS

The Henry George Foundation will give to every member enrolling a subscription free of charge, to "LAND AND FREEDOM" (formerly "Single Tax Review"), America's leading Single Tax periodical, published bi-monthly at New York City.

# TABLET OF THE FOUNDERS

A unique feature will be the "Tablet of the Founders", consisting of 22 letters and 3 spaces spelling vertically

# "THE HENRY GEORGE MEMORIAL"

providing 25 adjacent spaces whereon will be enrolled forever the names of those individuals, families, clubs or other organizations who contribute to the endowment fund at the rate of one adjacent space for each \$2000 contributed.

"The reform I have proposed accords with all that is politically, socially, or morally desirable. It has the qualities of a true reform, for it will make all other reforms easier. What is it but the carrying out in letter and spirit of the truth enunciated in the Declaration of Independence-the 'self-evident' truth that is the heart and soul of the Declaration-'That all men are created equal; that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.' ''

-Henry George



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