

inary work of Henry George. Thirty years ago in the publication of his great book, "Progress and Poverty," Henry George completely exposed the evils which follow the extension of property rights to land. Twenty-five years ago he visited England and there, by his speeches and writings, scattered the seed which today is blossoming in political action. England today is a great field which has been "plowed by a book and sowed with the seed of a great thought." Not a speaker nor a writer in the last campaign there but drew on Henry George for every argument he made against protection and landlordism. There is not an argument here that I am not indebted to him for. His writings are an inexhaustible arsenal from which the earnest reformer can draw not only his most effective weapons, but an inspiration that will enable him to go out against the hosts of privilege with the confidence which animates and sustains the man who fights for justice; with the knowledge that in the end right will triumph over might, and with the personal satisfaction that comes to a man who has done what he could in his lifetime to leave the world a little better than he found it.

As in England, so in America. We speak the same language and live under the same laws, customs and institutions as Englishmen. Already we have begun to talk about conservation of our natural resources, and I look forward hopefully to the time when we will find that the true conservation of our natural resources, and of our natural rights too, will be best secured by the abolition of all other taxes and a tax on land values equal to the whole annual rent.

#### MR. BRYAN AT BLOOMINGTON

This was Bryan day at the chautauqua as any American citizen might know who saw the mammoth crowd gathered in the big pavilion and overflowing around the outside, and who observed with what attention they were all listening to the speaker and devouring his every remark with avidity. The great Nebraskan apparently has all his old magnetism, his beautiful word painting, his crystallized nuggets of philosophy and his shining figures of speech when once the man who has three times been the candidate of the democratic party for president, began to speak, a hush fell over the big audience. They stirred scarcely more than a cove of greenwood in the summer breeze, and hung upon his every word.

But it was quite a different theme that Mr. Bryan discussed in all his gift of oratory than it was when he came here fourteen years ago when

his whole soul rang vibrant with the plea for sufficient money with which to do the business of the country. It was different than when he was here four years later with the same dominant idea, but elaborately modified, but still overpowering in its force and idealism; different from that time when he awakened the people of the country to the impending dangers of imperialism, and vastly different from when he came to tell in interesting fashion of the characteristics of other peoples and other nations whom he had met on his famous trip around the world. Yet through it all there ran a lode of the pure stuff, a pay-streak that indicated the crystallization of his years of thought, study and mingling with the front ranks of those who do things; thoughts which have to do with the nation and its welfare, and which has grown out of contact with the people who make and unmake those things.

Mr. Bryan's reception in Bloomington was something after the usual greeting that has always been extended the Nebraskan by the people of central Illinois. Though differing in ideas, perhaps, republican, democrat, prohibition, socialist, has never failed to see and greet this distinguished visitor, to give him respectful audience and to weigh with consideration all he had to say. The time is not at present so keenly on edge as when in the past Mr. Bryan has visited Bloomington but yet there was the same old group of radiant races behind which were people of all classes of all political religious and sociological beliefs anxious to grasp the hand of the former senator from Nebraska and hear his dissertation in words which always rang true with conviction and sincerity.

So it was today. It had been announced that Mr. Bryan would arrive in Bloomington on the noon train from the north, and the reception committee, together with many other citizens were at the union depot to meet him. The train was late, and the time was short. Therefore the public reception at the Illinois hotel lasted but a quarter of an hour, when Mr. Bryan and the committee were escorted to the chautauqua, where the Nebraskan appeared upon the platform immediately and began his address. A great crowd had already preceded him there, but more followed in his wake, and others came continuously during his speech.

When Mr. Bryan stepped out upon the platform the assemblage gave the chautauqua salute, the whole gathering breaking simultaneously into a fluttering sea of white, as the hundreds of handkerchiefs were waved for a moment.—Bloomington (Ill.) Daily Bulletin.

#### THE REFORMER

Workmen wrought on a Building  
Should stand to the end of time—  
Deep they laid its foundations  
Under the rifling time;  
Down to the core of the planet  
They fashioned the earth anew—  
Said unto each the Foreman,  
"See to the thing ye do!"

Craftsmen in stone and timber,  
Artists in glass and steel  
Wrought at the knitting fabric,  
Each with eager zeal;  
Chiseled and hammered and fashioned,  
Each as his orders ran,  
Saying "This will I finish,  
A deed befitting the Plan!"

Came another, a stranger;  
Tools of the craft he bore,  
Smote and chiseled the columns  
Gouging them to the core;  
Hewing, and cutting, and planing,  
Hurling the chips aside,  
Lifting the lintels higher,  
Making the windows wide.

Straight they went to the Foreman:  
"Listen! We wrought: there came  
One with the tools of a Builder,  
Bearing our sign and name,  
Marring the work we have finished;  
Riving it, base and crown!  
This is no Craftsman, but anarchy;  
He teareth the Building down!"

Soothe was the Foreman's answer;  
"Naught worth he cuts away:  
He also doeth my bidding—  
How goes your work today?"  
Back to their labor faring  
They heard the rending saw,  
And wondered much at the Foreman—  
More at the Foreman's law.

Finished, the scaffolds falling,  
Stood in its strength sublime  
The Building framed by the Craftsmen  
To stand till the end of time,  
High was the dome above it;  
Deep were its halls and wide;  
Flooding each nave and transept  
The Day's unceasing tide.

Then lo! 'neath the lifted lintels  
The sons of the Builders passed,  
And told of the mighty Craftsman,  
And how his deed should last;  
For as, through the widened windows  
The Light of the Ages ran,  
They knew that his smiting hammer  
Had finished the Foreman's Plan.  
—Hugh J. Hughes in the Farm,  
Stock and Home.

#### SPEAKING OF MAGAZINES

It is notoriously difficult to get the facts concerning vital political and social problems from the columns of the daily press. In the front rank of those journals which are genuinely progressive in character are Twentieth Century and The Public, both fearlessly edited on a platform of fundamental democracy. The American Magazine deals with public questions in a more popular, journalistic manner, but from the viewpoint of the common man. Success and The Independent are also taking a clean-cut stand for the man above the dollar. Collier's and the Outlook are usually, but not always, progressive in attitude. Hampton's has been doing good work, and so has Everybody's. These are all non-partisan in character.

Among partisan papers that deal at first hand with today's needs are LaFollette's (rep.), The Commoner (dem.), Springfield Republican, Social Democratic Herald (soc.) These, and possibly others that might be named, as the Appeal to Reason (soc.), and Jeffersonian (pop.), or San Francisco Star (dem.), deal with political phases of our present problems in a clear and earnest manner, each alike endeavoring to place the facts before the people, and upon

them to base its claims for a following. This journal would strongly recommend that every reader of F. S. & H. have in his home one or more of the above-named magazines or papers in order that he may get the people's side concerning questions at issue before the public.—Farm, Stock and Home, Minneapolis.

#### A WARNING

The recent publication of the memoirs of a celebrated English university professor, Oscar Browning, recalls a famous epigram—said to be one of the most admirable ever composed.

It was perpetrated by a brilliant pupil, J. K. Stephen, upon the professor, who was somewhat inclined to corpulency.

O. B., oh be obedient  
To nature's stern decrees;  
For tho' you be but one O. B.,  
You may be too obese!  
—Youth's Companion.

#### HIS ANCESTRY

King Edward was very fond of his eldest grandson, and liked talking to him. When the little prince was eleven his grandfather asked him what he was studying in his history lesson, and was told, "Oh, all about Perkin Warbeck." The king asked, "Who was Perkin Warbeck?" and the lad replied, "He pretended that he was the son of a king. But he wasn't; he was the son of respectable parents."—Tit-Bits.

#### IN CASE OF A RUSH

Prospective Tenant — "No, I'm afraid this flat would be too small. I might want to grow a beard."—Life.

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