

## *Selected Bibliography*

A rich source of material by and about Henry George is published by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, 50 East 69 Street, New York, 10021. Robert Schalkenbach (1856-1924), a wealthy printer, was an honorary pallbearer at the funeral of George. When he died, he left most of his estate in a trust fund for the education of the public in the economic principles developed by George. The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation was incorporated in 1925 to administer this fund. The first eight books listed below are kept in print and sold at moderate prices by this foundation.

Henry George's first and most famous book was *Progress and Poverty*, originally published in 1879. Its subtitle is: *An Inquiry into the Cause of Industrial Depressions and of Increase of Want with Increase of Wealth. . . The Remedy.*

Another work by George is *The Land Question*. This volume contains three separate books. The first is "The Land Question," first published in 1881 under the title of *The Irish Land Question*. In order better to indicate the general character of this topic, and to conform to the title under which it had been republished in other countries, the title was subsequently changed to *The Land Question*. In this book George considered the distressed conditions of Ireland struggling under the yoke of English landlordism. He argued that a change of government would not help much if the system of land ownership were not changed also.

The second book contained in *The Land Question* is called "Property in Land. A Passage-at-Arms between the Duke of Argyll and Henry George." The Duke's attack on George is printed here; it appeared as an article called "The Prophet of San Francisco" in the journal *Nineteenth Century* for April, 1884. George's reply first appeared in the same journal for July, 1884, under the title "The 'Reduction to Iniquity.'"

The third book included in *The Land Question* reprinted the English

translation of the Encyclical Letter of Pope Leo XIII on the Condition of Labor, issued in 1891. It also contains George's "The Condition of Labor. An Open Letter to Pope Leo XIII."

The third book on the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation list is George's *Social Problems*. The first thirteen chapters appeared originally in 1883 as articles in *Frank Leslie's Illustrated Newspaper*, which had contracted to carry the series. Even before all the articles had been published, George had antagonized enough people so that even *Frank Leslie's* published editorials criticizing him. George added eight chapters and a conclusion to the original thirteen chapters and published them all as a book in 1883.

In 1886 Henry George published *Protection or Free Trade. An Examination of the Tariff Question, with Especial Regard to the Interests of Labor*. He dedicated this book to the memory of the French Physiocrats of the last half of the eighteenth century, who advocated laissez faire, and especially free trade; this was in an era of extreme government intervention in economic affairs.

In 1892 George published *A Perplexed Philosopher. Being an Examination of Mr. Herbert Spencer's Various Utterances on the Land Question, with some Incidental Reference to His Synthetic Philosophy*. In 1850, twenty-nine years before *Progress and Poverty* appeared, Spencer had criticized the existing system of land tenure. George had given full credit to Spencer in *Progress and Poverty* for anticipating some of George's own ideas. How disappointing it was to George when Spencer in 1892 revised his earlier work and omitted all mention of the inequity of property in land. In *A Perplexed Philosopher*, George attacked what he considered to be Spencer's desertion of a noble cause.

George's last book was *The Science of Political Economy*. He hoped, in this book, to present a complete reconstruction of political economy in the light of his own views on the subject. He began writing it in 1891, but other projects prevented him from completing it. The book was published posthumously in 1898 exactly as he left it, except for minor editing.

In addition to these six books by Henry George, the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation publishes pamphlets containing his speeches, articles, and editorials. It also publishes pamphlets and books about George and the single-tax movement. One book is the outstanding

biography, *The Life of Henry George*, written by his son, Henry George, Jr., and published in 1900. Another book is a collection of readings called *Land-Value Taxation Around the World. Reports on Current and Historical Efforts to Apply the Principle of Collecting the Community-Created Value of land for Community Benefit*, 1955. This book of readings has eight pages devoted to the single tax community of Fairhope, Alabama, founded in 1894. A more extensive treatment of this Georgeite community can be found in Paul E. and Blanche R. Alyea, *Fairhope, 1894-1954. The Story of a Single Tax Colony* (The University of Alabama Press, 1956).

The New York Public Library at 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue contains a vast treasury of Henry George literature. George's daughter, Anna George de Mille, gave a large collection to the library in 1925; it includes letters, scrapbooks, newspaper clippings, George's manuscripts, and other material. The library has at least nineteen different editions of *Progress and Poverty*, including abridged editions and translations in French, Spanish, and Chinese. One example of the fascinating material on George in this library is his speech, "Scotland and Scotsmen," delivered in Glasgow on February 18, 1884. Unfortunately this scintillating lecture is no longer reprinted, but it has been quoted above on pages 78 and 113.

Among the newspapers and magazines, important material on George and the taxation of land can be found in the back issues of *The American Journal of Economics and Sociology*; this quarterly journal was founded in 1941 by the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation. *The New York Times* has a vast number of news stories, editorials, and articles on George. *Land and Freedom*, formerly *The Single Tax Review*, had many informative editorials, articles, letters from readers, reports from special correspondents abroad, speeches, activities of single tax clubs, reviews of single tax literature, and proceedings of various Henry George congresses. It was published in New York City as a quarterly during 1901-7, and as a bimonthly during 1908-43, when it ceased publication.

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