

Death of Charles J. Ogle

IT is with sorrow that we record the death of Charles J. Ogle, of Baltimore, Md., long active in the work. Mr. Ogle had been ill for about a year, but prior to that time was unremitting in his labors for the cause. He was thoroughly versed in the tax laws of Maryland and their history.

Twenty-five years ago he retired from business, since which time he had devoted himself to the cause and especially to the movement in Maryland, as secretary of the Maryland Tax Reform Association.

Mrs. Ogle, who survives him, is legislative chairman of the Maryland branch of the National Woman's Party. He is also survived by a daughter, Miss Dorothy Ogle, who was graduated this year from Swarthmore College, and two sons, Emerson and Hugh Malcolm Ogle.

At the funeral services, which took place in Catonsville on July 28, there were readings from the works of Henry George and a poem by Ella Wheeler Wilcox, "The Creed to Be." Senator Ogden read the 23d Psalm, and Francis I. Mooney read Robert Ingersoll's tribute to the memory of his deceased brother. Senator Ogden followed with a benediction from the Bible (Numbers VL., 24-26).

At a special meeting of the Maryland Tax Reform Association, on Friday, Aug. 5, 1932, at the Emerson Hotel, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

Whereas, Charles Joseph Ogle, first secretary of this association, in which office he served faithfully for more than a quarter of a century, departed this life on Tuesday, July 26, 1932; and

Whereas, by his death this association and the cause of tax reform and human freedom have sustained a great loss: Now therefore

Be it resolved that the Maryland Tax Reform Association, in testimony of its debt of gratitude and affection to its late secretary, and its sympathy with his bereaved family, does hereby pledge itself to continue the work of tax reform with renewed devotion and to endeavor to add to the progress hitherto made which was so largely due to the life work of its late secretary.

The committee on resolutions were Francis I. Mooney, John Salmon, Charles G. Baldwin and Spencer Heath.

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The death of Charles J. Ogle was not a loss to the Single Tax movement alone. The State of Maryland has lost one of her best citizens. For twenty-five years he devoted his efforts to securing progressive legislation for the State. To accomplish this he put in his whole time and considerable money. Without him it is doubtful if any of the measures he worked for would have been adopted, for he had the ability to inspire others into doing their best to cooperate with him. So it can truthfully be said that to him belongs the credit for leading the work that has given Maryland a constitutional change allowing classification of property for taxation, a constitutional change establishing home rule in taxation, exemption by the City of Baltimore and surrounding counties of factory machinery and output, legislation enabling the City of Baltimore to do away with unfair discrimination in taxation which favored the vacant land owners in that part of the city known as the "Old Annex," and a constitutional change establishing a State-wide referendum. This is by no means a complete list of his achievements. He never held public office, had but little influence with those who did, yet no Governor of the State, no Senator, Congress-

man or member of the Legislature can begin to show as many achievements in the public interest. He had to endure many disappointing defeats. But no defeat ever prevented him from starting the fight anew. In the loss of such a citizen the state suffers a calamity.

As modest as he was militant, he gave the credit of his achievement to the Maryland Tax Reform Association.

Those who enjoyed the privilege of close association with him appreciated his lovable character and had occasion to know his loyalty as a friend who could be depended upon.

It was his devotion to the Single Tax movement that really caused his death. During the legislative session in 1924 he worked tirelessly day and night endeavoring to secure enactment of several measures. The treachery and cowardice of a few members rendered his efforts futile, although one bill came close to becoming a law. Hard work and heartbreaking disappointment proved too much, and on the day the Legislature adjourned he suffered a paralytic stroke. From this he seemed to have recovered completely after an illness of several months, and, disregarding all warnings, he plunged into the fight again as strenuously as ever. In July of 1931 he collapsed again and never recovered. A medical examination finally showed that the tumor which killed him resulted from the stroke of 1924. Another soldier of the common good has fallen in the fight for unappreciative humanity.

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Georgist Convention in Argentina

THE Georgists of Argentina have met in a two-day session at their Fourth National Georgist Convention.

The accomplishments of these whole-hearted teachers of economic truth during those two days are only exceeded by their fortitude and loyalty to the cause in the face of suppression of the press and free speech and subsequent censorship of both. This test period lasted for seventeen months, starting with the Argentinian Revolution of September 6, 1930, which put the Provisional Government in power.

And now, with speech and press freed from restraint, these steadfast workers for Land Rent Socialization are coming into the open stronger than ever.

The Argentinian Georgist Confederation, in collaboration with the National Executive Council elected yearly by the National Georgist Convention, is employing every conceivable device to catch the public imagination of every citizen of Argentina. The plan is to concentrate upon direct methods of approach to every individual voter in Argentina, for conversion, for cooperation, and for financial aid.

The following are a few of the Argentinian Georgist moves:

Organization of a political party; manifesto sent to all political parties; petition to the President; aid to the most active group, the Georgist Center of Buenos Aires; giving public talks on the streets and squares; *Tribuna Georgista*, the national organ of the Georgist Confederation of Argentina, the leading cultural publication of progressive Argentine Georgists; and the formation of a Georgist Editorial Division.