

CAMPAIGN NOTES.

It has often been said to me: "The only men you can hope to influence are the young men. When men pass the meridian of life their habits of thought are fixed and they are impervious to new ideas." My experience has contradicted this. It is true that with most men the time for reading and thinking is in their youth, and that after they become engaged in the hard work, and active business of life they lose, not the power of accepting new ideas, but the disposition to consider them. But with men who have not permitted themselves to become wholly absorbed by poverty fighting or money getting, I am inclined to think that at seventy the mind is as receptive and as hospitable to new ideas as at twenty. I perhaps even think more so. Certain it is that among the most earnest and most enthusiastic of those who have received the faith and taken the cross of the new crusade are many greybeards.

Signed: Henry George.

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