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Dear Mrs. De Mille,

I have been a devotee of Henry George since first reading "Progress and Poverty" and "Protection or Free Trade". Although I have never met you, I have heard you speak at a Georgist meeting at the Engineer's Club in New York a few years ago.

I have just finished reading "Fifty Years in Public Life" by President Roosevelt's first Secretary of Commerce, Daniel C. Hooper. This book devotes a paragraph to "Progress and Poverty" which was most interesting to me and I believe will be to you also, if not previously called to your attention.

I quote below from page 74 of the above mentioned book:

"The alertness and hardwork of Tom Loftin Johnson, from the Cleveland, Ohio, District, taught me a new trick of legislative acumen. Johnson was a devotee of Henry George, the single-tax exponent. Failing to get George's "Progress and Poverty" printed as a public document, he got several members of Congress to join him in reading portions of the book into the "Congressional Record". When they had had it all published in the "Record", they brought the pieces together and published "Progress and Poverty" as a public document. Under the "franking" privilege it could now be mailed to anyone in the United States".

Best wishes for the continued growth of your New York School.

Yours very truly,

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