



CITY OF PHILADELPHIA

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TO THE DELEGATES ATTENDING THE 12TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE
OF THE HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE:

One of the fertile minds of the late 19th century was Henry George. Able economist and outstanding social theorist, he laid bare the roots of traditional systems of taxation and evolved a theory of taxation whose effects are still felt today in the world of learned men.

The world has differed greatly in its judgment of Henry George's theories, but, perhaps, it will differ less in its opinion of the man. Henry George was that rare combination of thinker and man of affairs who fights for his ideas. As editor and lecturer, he advanced his convictions in places as far apart as San Francisco, England and Australasia; as citizen he carried his fight through two spirited campaigns for Mayor in New York.

For a quarter of a century after the death of Henry George, his bold theories prompted successive attempts at tax reform through the ballot box. Nearly all of these attempts failed.

Today in a quieter atmosphere the Henry George School of Social Science is providing a more suitable forum for that careful examination which the theories of George merit. From these efforts will surely emerge a richer understanding of the genius of a man whom Philadelphia is happy to claim as a native son.

On behalf of the City of Philadelphia we wish the delegates to the 12th Annual Conference of the Henry George School the utmost success in their study sessions and we hope that Greater Philadelphia may be the scene of many more conferences of this important character.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fredric R. Mann".

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