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Exhibits

The 75th anniversary of the publication of Henry George's Progress and Poverty will be observed in the Exhibit-of-the-Month for September. A first edition of the book that became the Bible of George's single tax movement will be displayed with a portion of the manuscript, the author's application for copyright, and a portrait of the author. The items will be shown on the first floor of the Main Building.

Begun in 1877 during a long depression, Progress and Poverty represented a major contribution to the literature of social reform and had its influence upon modern tax theory. George believed that a single tax, based on the value of land, would solve both economic inequities and periodic depressions by ending land monopoly. The passage containing the kernel of this theory will be exhibited in the third volume of the four-volume manuscript of the book, which was given to the Library by the author's son, the late Honorable Henry George, Jr., of New York.