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Mr. Alex MacKendrick,  
400 Highland Avenue,  
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Dear Mr. MacKendrick:

When yours of the 20th came this morning I immediately got from the editorial room your review of Mr. Lambert's pamphlet. It seems to cover the pamphlet well, but on second thought I decided to return it so that you might yourself be a little better satisfied.

It strikes me that the critic who criticizes you for referring to Vernon Lee as HE could to his advantage get a little busier in his work. We, here, should have picked that up for you if it is a matter of consequence. Possibly it is, but I am going to admit that I don't know what is the rule when an author is not well known. In the case of George F. it is different, of course.

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Very truly yours,

*Stanley Bowmar*

Publisher.

*X* *Mr. Cooley & Mr. Danziger thought it O.K. and have sent it to the printer*

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*P.S. The enclosed from Mr. Post came since dictating the above to the typewriter. I don't understand it*

oned." And what shall we say of the paragraph on page 36, in which, after enumerating the hardships to investors in land in having its saleable value gradually annihilated, Dr. Ryan continues, "On the other hand, the persons who own no land under the present system, the persons who are deprived of their 'birthright' suffer no such degree of hardship when they are continued in that condition. To prolong this condition is not to inflict upon them any new or positive inconvenience. Evidently their welfare and claims in the circumstances are not of the same moral importance as the welfare and claims of persons who would be called upon to suffer the loss of goods already possessed and enjoyed, and acquired with the full sanction of society." To every admirer of Dr. Ryan these words will come with a shock of painful surprise, and will only prepare him to dismiss as unworthy of consideration the sentence on page 39 which runs: "The proposal to confiscate rent is so abhorrent to the moral sense of the average man that it could never take place except in conditions of revolution and anarchy. If that day should ever arrive the confiscation would not stop with land."