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1. The most direct taxation is the best, because it gives to the real payers of taxes a conscious and direct pecuniary interest in honest and economical government.

2. Mortgages and capital engaged in production or trade should be exempt from taxation; because taxes on capital tend to drive it away, to put a premium on dishonesty and to discourage industry.

3. Real estate should bear the main burden of taxation; because such taxes can be most easily, cheaply and certainly collected, and because they bear least heavily on the farmer and the worker.

4. Besides real estate taxes, corporations should pay in taxes only the fair value of the franchises they obtain from the people.

5. No legislature will venture to enact a good system of local taxation until the people, especially the farmers, perceive the correct principles of taxation and see the folly of taxing personal property.

THEREFORE: We desire to unite our efforts to keep up intelligent discussion and agitation of the subject of taxation, with a view to improvement in the system and enlightenment as to the correct principles.

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Jan. 11, 1900.

Dear Madam:

Last year's work was summarized in the report sent you December 26th, but to insure your seeing it we enclose another copy. Our educational work is progressing well and I trust that you will see the importance of increasing it.

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Yours truly,

Julien T. Davies
President.

As an instance of the results of our work, we would call attention to the support the report shows we are now receiving from the Hon. Martin Heermance, formerly President of the State Tax Commission, who opposed our principles at the beginning of his term of office.

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