

Salmon, Ohio

Apr. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1891.

Judge Albion W. Tourgee,  
Mayville,  
N. C.

Sir:-

As a humble admirer of your able pen I venture to place before you a wish entertained by myself and friends of the "Single Tax" faith. We note with pleasure the evident clear understanding which you have, as shown in "Murrell Eastman", of the cause of social disease. But to us the remedy you propose therein seems so fully inadequate. If all men have not equal opportunities and this is the cause of

social disease, why should we not go to the very root and find how some men are deprived of opportunities and what is Nature's own remedy?

"There was a specific remedy for chattel slavery; it was to give men their natural right to go free. Have men no other natural rights that are still denied them?"

Yes, indeed! All men have an equal right to the use of land, from which must be obtained everything necessary to sustain life, & promote comfort. We cannot believe that an All-wise Father placed human beings - thus dependent upon land - on the earth with the understanding that the many should pay tribute to the few for the "privilege"

of gaining access to natural opportunities; yet this is what they are required to do under present conditions.

The remedy which we consider the only adequate one is the abolition of all taxes on the products of labor, and the placing of a single tax on the value of land irrespective of improvements. This subject we earnestly hope may receive your careful attention. Our wish is that your next work might show forth the justice and adequacy of the "Single Tax" as a remedy for the terrible evils that beset society. Surely this is a theme worthy of the noblest mind—the restoration to man of the right to live, without leave asked of any other man, the

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abolition of involuntary  
poverty, and is in great  
part of vice and crime.

Very Respectfully,  
Wm. C. Sway.

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