

and keep on dreaming and working while the world is robbed and the lesser individuals in the reform sit around and admire the wonderful clearness of vision of his leaders who have never put the theories to the touch. Education is the cry of these leaders. It all depends on one's meaning of education. Slickley in *The Craftsman* claims a man is not educated unless Head, Heart, and Hand are educated. This can only be accomplished by completing the process begun as far as it is possible to complete it. To put forth a theory and be content to let it remain in *statu quo*, is against all logical reasoning. No man can hold a theory for long without striving to complete practical fulfillment, or become weary and abandon it, either actively or passively. In great part, this is the position of Single Taxers. Seeing no hope of practical and actual accomplishment in their lifetime, and frowned down upon by able and educated advocates who have the public ear, the rank and file have simply remained quiescent. Now I am not able to speak for any one but myself. But I believe in great part I epitomize the experience of others. Now, if one can see that the ultimate of his efforts promises concrete results within his lifetime, just as the seeker of gold is willing to wait for returns, so there is something to enthuse over in man in real political activity as against the so-called educative work under cover of a Democratic, Republican or Socialistic Party, or that Spiritual joys are the deepest and truest. The Church today has its hold on the imagination of mankind, if it has any hold whatever. A religion such as Single Taxers can present upon a political platform, would sweep the world in time. Why? Because its advocates can prove their singleness of purpose. Above all, "It is Right." This is the supreme test. Fired with the zeal of the early crusaders, how can the minions of wrong defeat the wise and alert and capable worker for the right? It is a contradiction for anyone to assert it. "Hope deferred maketh the heart sick." When one reflects that for 25 to 35 years, clear brained thinkers have seen presented to the people the craziest patch-work of reforms, and they not lifting a finger in

actual definite concrete form for the deluded to hear the truth or have a chance to vote for the truth, the question arises, are we not a part of the deluded? We do not know human beings, we do not know how they grow—that they can only grow by doing. We do not know that the fire and zeal of youth must be directed into accomplishment or approximation to real accomplishment. We who claim to know, must profit by the work of psychologists. Prof. Sides shows what can be done by giving actual work to a child instead of letting it play. How many boys and girls of 18 know anything of political economy? Not that they cannot reason, but that the questions have not been presented. What better plan to present them than in the actual business of government they are called upon to support? My mind teems with reasons for political action, but a few in closing will suffice. It makes a trained thinker out of an untrained thinker, to meet in actual verbal warfare upon a live, real question with the result for the weal or woe of humanity as the issue. It brings forth dollars and efforts where merely academic discussion does not interest. It presents daily the issue applied to every question, public and private. It urges men and women to interest themselves in the serious things of life, instead of the superficial. It makes, in other words, life worth living. Hastily jotting down these thoughts, I submit them in the hope of The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man—may it become a reality.—MORRIS LYCHENHEIM, D. O., Chicago, Ill.

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#### IS FOR ORGANIZATION, BUT AGAINST POLITICAL ACTION.

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##### EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

What we want is a thorough organization like that of a political party without being one. We would wield a far greater influence than if we tried to start a new party. The experience of the temperance people ought to convince you of that. Over thirty years the Party Prohibitionists have been fretting around doing nothing and abusing everybody who doesn't vote

or agree with them, while state after state and counties by the dozen have been won over to no-license by non-partisan action. Do you suppose for a moment that those who put those sections under no-license could have been persuaded to drop all their other political activities and spend years in trying to build up a new party? It is unthinkable and history proves the contrary. If then the temperance men having such a tremendous following in every state of the Union have failed to establish a new party, what could we hope to do? Other vital reforms are making progress without separate party action—temperance reform, primary reform, direct legislation, etc.—and so will our cause go forward if we do not make this fatal mistake. My views were exactly expressed in a paragraph which you kindly printed in a recent number of *THE SINGLE TAX REVIEW* under the title "Wanted! Three Names!" Let us have a plan like that and our cause will prosper far beyond what it has done yet, and then if ever a real occasion for a new party arises—an event hardly to be expected—the machinery will be ready at hand. Third party action now will arouse much hostility and alienate many Republican and Democratic friends of the cause.—LEWIS H. CLARK, Sodus, N. Y.

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#### BELIEVES HENRY GEORGE WOULD HAVE APPROVED AT THIS TIME

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Editor *SINGLE TAX REVIEW*.

It is asked—"Should the Single Taxers form an organization"? It may not be advisable to put a full ticket in the field for 1912, but the Single Taxers should be in a position to make themselves felt in the matter of issues and policy. We have seen Revenue from Land Values put on trial and triumphantly win against the combined influence of England's "special interests" and exploiters of labor; we have seen the grandest men England ever produced rally to the "George Standard," and with a statesmanship worthy of the name, with a courage and patriotism worthy a Spartan, stand in bold unflinching purpose and compel a complete recognition of their

demands for political and economic justice. Then why should we falter? Rather should we blush that our democracy found first a fruition in a foreign land. The fact that so many answered the call for a Single Tax party who had previously absented themselves, proves that apathy has set our cause back—we know not for how long—and bids us now get in position to become a factor in the making of platforms and the advocacy of true principles in government. But it is said that many of our strongest and best known men do not favor organization and much weight is given to the fact that Tom. L. Johnson is not in favor of it and his policy in the administration of Cleveland's government is mentioned. But Tom. L. Johnson never pretended to be the whole thing. No one more than he recognizes that there are other pebbles on the beach and he is the last man, in my opinion, who will stand idly by when a Single Tax organization has its shoulder to the wheel for a move forward, and proves its reason for being.

Organize? Why of course, we have already delayed too long and were our martyred hero, the grandest man of all the race with us today, he would be in the van of this new movement with Johnson and Post at his side.—E. C. CLARK, Bernhards Bay, N. Y.

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#### LAY STRESS UPON THE MATERIAL BENEFITS.

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EDITOR *SINGLE TAX REVIEW*:

I have read the pros and cons in the *REVIEW* on Independent Political Action, and there seem to be plausible and valid arguments on both sides.

All Single Taxers want the cause to grow as far and fast as possible. The question of tactics is therefore important. As a general thing, self-interest governs us. Everybody is engaged in earning a living or accumulating money. There is a good deal of truth in the doctrine of "economic determinism." Henry George in *Progress and Poverty* recognized its existence.

I do not argue that Single Taxers should discard the ethical features of our argument, but we should emphasize the mater-