

possessed by those who did nothing but permit production. Under proper economic adjustment production and consumption would balance. To-day those who would consume cannot obtain the goods, and those who can claim the goods have more than they can consume. Then there is "business stagnation."

Mr. Rawie merely introduces a new element of confusion in seeking to compare land value and counterfeit money. His letter is utterly bewildering to the outsider; and it gives no new argument to those who believe in taking land rent for public purposes. To discuss whether or not the analogy is correct would consume space to no useful purpose.

And while it is worth while to give some consideration to economic matter such as the relation of rent and prices, and effects of selling land, these are but secondary questions.

After all, the vital question is: Who gets the rent of land, and who ought to get it?

A. C. PLEYDELL.

NEW YORK CITY.

THE TEACHING OF BUDDHA AND THE SINGLE TAX.

J. Pool, of Sydney, Australia, is the author of an interesting essay which is an attempt to show that the Nivarna of Buddha, contrary to most authorities, is the annihilation of friction, which includes pain, sorrow, and evil, and is not the annihilation of existence. The first step toward the attainment of this condition is the Single Tax system, according to the philosophy of this writer. Ideal harmony of individual development can be attained only by bringing the social life in accord with the beauty and harmony of economic laws, which Henry George has made plain.

If his conception of the teachings of Buddha be not at fault they may well be likened to some of the tenets of Christian Science. We express no opinion as to the matter other than to say that it seems very unlikely that the religion of Buddha, or in fact any religion, can have had as its foundation a mere negation, and that Mr.

Pool's interpretation of Nivarna is more in harmony with many of the recorded utterances of Buddha that have descended to us. It may thus be that Christian Science, in that part of it at least, that denies the existence of sorrow, pain and evil may trace its origin to a religion even earlier than Christianity.

The author of this essay, perhaps in recognition of this fact, has addressed the following letter to Mrs. Goldzier, author of the *At-One-Ment*, which, as many of our readers know, is an endeavor to bring into co-relation the teachings of the Single Tax with those of Christian Science:

"If Science be the demonstration of the Creator's laws then there should be some bond of harmony between science and religion. It is claimed that this bond of harmony is to be found in the science of political economy which Henry George has given to the world. I predict that the church which first puts Henry George's philosophy on the forefront of its banners will become the leading church of the world."

PROPOSED HISTORY OF THE LAND VALUES REFORM MOVEMENT

The need of a history of the land values reform movement in the different countries has long been felt, not only by the scientific students of the movement, but also by the workers actually engaged in it. The undersigned, who just now is engaged on a two years' trip round the world, in search of material, has got sufficient support and encouragement to make an effort to satisfy this requirement. I have already been promised help from prominent Single Taxers in different countries, but I feel the necessity of having, if possible, every earnest land values reformer to assist in the work by supplying material and giving advice. You are kindly invited, therefore, to give particulars in reply to the following questions, and to make them as full as possible. Please send your answers in care of the editor of this journal.

Give particulars about:—

1. Any land values reform society which

exists or has been in existence in your locality. If possible, add origin, membership, work, etc.

2. Deceased Single Tax papers; short historical sketch wanted.

3. Any living or dead land reformer in your locality who you think has served our cause well enough to be worthy of notice in the work thus planned.

4. Propaganda methods used in your locality, which have been successful and are likely to be of value to workers elsewhere.

5. The attitude of the press towards our work.

6. The attitude of organised labor (trades-unions, co-operative societies, socialistic organisations etc.) towards the taxation of land values. Copies of resolutions, platforms, etc., are required in this connection.

7. Land values taxation in platforms of political parties generally.

8. Valuable critiques of our philosophy, methods of reform, system of education, etc., by friends, political economists, socialists and others.

9. Practical steps taken by legislation towards the realization of our aim which you think are not commonly known.

Thanking you in anticipation of your kind assistance, I remain,

Yours very sincerely,
JOHN HANNSON,
Sikfors, B. J., Sweden.

GEO. L. Rusby is improving in health and soon hopes to take a more active part in the work of the cause. Those who know how valuable were his services will rejoice at his returning health.

THE next issue of the REVIEW will contain the first annual report of the American Single Tax League.

It will also contain a report of what has been done in the lecture field for New York and vicinity. The editor of the REVIEW has taken personal charge of this work, but though something has been done, it is too little as yet to merit special mention.

LECTURE APPOINTMENTS FOR MR. JOHN Z. WHITE.

Below we give a list of the localities that will be visited by Mr. John Z. White during 1909. Friends interested in Mr. White's work, will please communicate with the correspondents of the various states mentioned below. Mr. White's work during 1909 will be almost entirely limited to addresses on the Mandatory Initiative and Referendum, except in those states where Direct Legislation has been adopted by constitutional amendment. In which case his addresses will be on subjects pertaining to home rule in taxation.

Jan. 1-7. Springfield, Ill. George E. Lee, care Bode, Lee, Taylor & Co.

Jan. 14-21. Wisconsin. C. Leenhouts, 102 Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Jan. 22-28. Minnesota. S. A. Stockwell, 304 Andrus Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn.

Jan. 29. Des Moines, Iowa. Mrs. Lona I. Robinson, 1074 30th St., Des Moines, Iowa.

Jan. 30. Sioux City Iowa. Herbert Quick.

Jan. 31-Feb. 1. Nebraska. A. G. Chapman, 1430 G St., Lincoln, Neb.

Feb. 2-3. Dr. E. T. Shelly, 601 Park St., Atchinson, Kan.

Feb. 9. Fort Wayne, Ind. A. H. Perfecto.

Feb. 10. Toledo, O. Edw. Gerken, 337 Missouri St.

Feb. 11-12. Detroit, Mich. Chas. B. Sawyer, care Pingree Co.

Feb. 13-14. Cleveland, O. Otto K. Dorn, 2527 Woodward Ave.

Feb. 15-16. Buffalo, N. Y. John Shilady, care Yale Hat Store.

Feb. 17-24. Toronto. L. B. Walling, 75 Yonge St.

Feb. 25-28. Ottawa. J. M. Hinchcliffe.

Mar. 1-7. Montreal. W. Scott Hutchinson, 4160 Sheridan, Westmount.

Mar. 8-15. Maine. Dr. John W. Bowers, 732 Congress St., Portland.

Mar. 16-22. Massachusetts. W. L. Crossman, 67 Dover St., Boston, Mass.

Mar. 23. Worcester, Mass. Nathan Rice, Norton St.

Mar. 19. Haverhill, Mass. Rev. L. M. Powers.