

content of States heretofore known will have changed its vital element by the disappearance of the economic exploitation of one class by another," which was the motive determining the birth of states. He is a splendid optimist as to the future. Heretofore State and Society were indissolubly intertwined; in the future there will be only "a freeman's citizenship."

As to the form of the future society he ventures no prediction. Nor should he be required to do so. He has performed his task; he has presented his thesis, and to many readers will have demonstrated his concept of the State as a means of securing the exploitation of the vanquished by the victors. Out of the State, and contained within it, economic society will emerge as a "Freeman's citizenship," retaining only so much of the State as may be necessary to secure stability. Surely this is to hint at the ideal of a competitive State, or if the author prefer, as he probably would, a competitive economic fraternity, a "Freeman's citizenship"—the ideal of the Single Taxer. Of this prognosis Prof. Oppenheimer says that it contains the "progress from warlike activity to peaceful labor" of St. Simon, as well as Hegel's "development from slavery to freedom," the "evolution of humanity" of Herder, as well as the "penetration of reason through nature" of Schleiermacher. (Page 276).

He speaks of Henry George but once, but then in a reassuring connection. Conceiving the evolution of a society without class dominion and class exploitation, he says: "That was the *credo* of the old-school liberalism of pre-Manchester days, enunciated by Quesnay, and especially by Adam Smith, and again taken up in modern times by Henry George and Theodore Hertzka." (Page 278).

The thought of this book has an important bearing on economic speculation—it ought to clear the mental pathway of many a thinker for the acceptance of the Single Tax as the first necessary step to a society composed of a citizenship of freemen.

But as we close the book with a grateful feeling toward the writer an ungracious thought occurs to us. This man is really professor of economic sciences in the University of Berlin! His work is assertive,

bold in its generalizations, and though dealing with a subject that makes no easy reading, simple and clear in thought. There would be no place for this courageous thinker in the political economy chair of any American university.

J. D. M.

A BOOK OF HELPFUL PHILOSOPHY*

This little work is the best of Mr. Hall's books, the one by which we imagine he will be longest remembered. There is many a helpful admonition carefully developed, and much consoling philosophy set forth in plain and simple language. We desire especially to commend the argument against earthly immortality, the contention that ignorance or neglect of natural laws causes all deaths save those due to extreme old age, and the chapter devoted to the Persistence of Life. There is some original thinking in that part where the author permits himself some guesses about conditions that must prevail in a continued existence. Some of this is *naïve* enough, especially when he says, assuming the absence of all physical experiences: "There is undoubtedly a chance—a better chance—if existence goes on."

Lowell has said:

"Not all the preaching since Adam
Has made death other than death."

But we cannot help thinking that even in the presence of sorrow caused by the death of those near and dear to us the words of the opening sentence of the preface of Mr. Hall's book embody a truer philosophy. "If there is order in the world, if malice does not rule the world, there must be such understanding as will minister to our needs in time of trouble."

There is much quotable material, especially in the admirable chapter entitled Science and Immortality. But this we must forego, and content ourselves merely with commending it as a sane and useful work, full of a calm, rational, loving phil-

*The Mastery of Grief. By Bolton Hall. 12mo., 243 pp. Price \$1. net, by mail \$1.10. Henry Holt and Co., N. Y. City.

osophy designed as a corrective of the sorrow that embitters.

The longest quotation in the work not too full of quotations, is from Progress and Poverty.—J. D. M.

WE acknowledge receipt of a Hungarian translation of Progress and Poverty, by Robert Braun, whose attractive personality was made known to us by his visit to America a few years ago.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS.

THE land occupied by the Northern Pacific in Spokane is worth five million.

A NEWS item says "500 Realty Owners Dance." And we fiddle.

THE Omaha (Neb.) *News* of Jan. 30 printed a picture of George Knapp's Single Tax dog, as well as reports of his addresses in that city. Mr. Knapp is the young man who carried the Single Tax in Pueblo, Colo. The *News* said of Mr. Knapp's address to the Commercial Club in a leading editorial under the heading, "Not Only Single Tax; Also Common Sense."

W. C. MORRIS, for several years cartoonist at Spokane, Washington, whose work has been made familiar to a wide circle of readers through the *Review of Reviews*, is now a resident of this city. Mr. Morris is a strong advocate of our cause, and has given generously of his time and purse to its promotion.

ON February 10th, Kingsley M. Fleming, the veteran Single Taxer of Wayne County, N. Y., gave a "Liberty Talk" in the school building in District No. 2, at Sodus. It was straight Single Tax for over an hour. The forty farmers present were very attentive and after the address showed their interest by plying him with questions.

MISS COLBRON in one of her lectures thus very neatly indicates the relation of religion and economics:

"Some men say," she began, "that religion and economics have nothing to do with each other. That very wrong belief is at

the bottom of the trouble that afflicts the world today. Religion strives to bring man closer to his Maker; economics tries to bring man closer to man. The one is the Fatherhood of God; the other is the Brotherhood of Man. The two cannot be divorced. It would be as though the soul of man were separated from the body. The soul and body together make the perfect human."

COL. WM. C. GORGAS has been created Surgeon-General of the U. S. Army.

MR. JAMES R. BROWN is doing splendid work lecturing in the Maritime Provinces.

A SINGLE Tax Club has been organized at Dayton, Ohio, with fifty members to start. The officers are: Dr. Paul Tyner, President; L. S. Davis, Vice-President; Mrs. Alice Kile Neibel, Secretary, and W. W. Kile, Treasurer.

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