

was only twenty thousand, the work is to be postponed. So private interest supercedes public needs.

A lot in Atlanta recently sold for ninety-seven thousand dollars, it was needed for building purposes; fifty years ago five thousand and would have been full value.

The public creates a value, the private individual absorbs the profit. It is by lessons like these that the truth is impressed upon the mind of the average tax payer.

Some enterprising capitalist in your section should come south and establish a colony on our beautiful cosy land; it would be an ideal Italy with none of its drawbacks.

Thoughtful men now realize that wars are costly, wasteful, wicked, and looking to the cause find that the failure to equitably adjust the land question is the controlling and influencing cause. The slaughter now going on in the East may be traced to this and no other influence. Thousands of years ago men were wiser than now. In the sacred history this story is told. "So Joshua took the whole land according to all that the Lord said unto Moses and Joshua and gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according unto their division by their tribes. And the land rested from war," Joshua XI: 23d.

Possibly there may arise in our day a Ruler wise and strong enough to cause "the land to rest from war."

If so he will owe his inspiration to the author of "Progress and Poverty."

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL SINGLE TAX CONFERENCE.

The Fifth Annual convention of the Womens' National Single Tax League will be held in Philadelphia, Pa., on the 15th, 16th and 17th of June, 1905, on the invitation of the Women's Henry George League of that city.

Sessions will be held afternoon and evening on Thursday and Friday, and the election of officers will be held on Saturday morning.

Well known Single Taxers, both men and women, will make addresses, and delegates are expected from many clubs in the State.

Women who believe in the Single Tax may become members of the National League by forwarding their name, address and one dollar to Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, 150 A Street, N. E. Washington, D. C., the National Treasurer.

For information as to entertainment, address Mrs. E. B. Montgomery, 2253 N. Camac St., Philadelphia, Pa.

The League was organized in Washington, D. C., and has held annual conventions in New York City, New Haven, Conn., St. Louis, Mo., and this is the first meeting held in Philadelphia.

BOOK REVIEWS.

ANOTHER BOOK FROM PASTOR WAGNER.*

This little book is another message from the apostle of the Simple Life, and one paragraph we venture to quote: "*One thing is necessary, that man make a good use of his life.*" Life is the highest gift we have; it must not be wasted for mere smoke (?) it ought to serve the purpose which was in the mind of the Lord of Life when he gave it to us. In order to realize that purpose life needs to be a normal one. A normal life is a simplified life disencumbered of useless baggage and working a maximum of beauty, justice, confidence in God and human bounty—a maximum of happiness with a minimum of embarrassments. Wherein simplicity fails, overgrowing weed invades the garden of life; the unnecessary, the wrong and the false take the place of the necessary, the important, the authentic."

Pastor Wagner and the Simple Life are the reigning "fads," if it be not irreverent to speak of sincere convictions in this style. We imagine that Christian Science—ignoring its professions of physical cures by faith—is teaching the same thing in much more profound and subtle ways. There is something amusing in the simple faith of Pastor Wagner in the Simple Life. This life is not possible in the civilization of today. Thoreau to practice it had to flee from civilization. And so Pastor Wagner, with his plan for a return to what is really the essence of primitive Christianity, is curiously oblivious to so much that nullifies his teachings—or, at all events, makes it largely purposeless.

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JOHN FARRELL.

A memorial volume containing a collection of the poems of John Farrell has been published by the friends of the late poet at Sydney. The longest poem in the book, "My Sundowner," gives its name to the collection, and there is a memoir with notes by Bertram Stevens. Five hundred copies have been printed and two hundred have been sold at one guinea a volume. It is a large 8 vo., and the frontispiece is a handsome portrait of the poet and Single Taxer who won fame by his stirring songs and his earnest advocacy of our cause in Australia.

It is not too much to say that John Farrell's poetry indicates the high water mark of Australian poetry. The following on Charles Gordon is an example of a certain

* My Appeal to America, by Charles Wagner, author of the Simple Life. Small, 12mo., 61 pp. Price, 50 cents. McClure, Phillips & Co., New York. Proceeds from the sale of this work will be contributed to the fund now being raised to buy land for a church of which Mr. Wagner will be the pastor.