

BOOK REVIEWS.

THE ETHICS OF CONFUCIUS.*

This work is admirably edited. One need not go to the Ancient Books edited by Confucius, the actual authorship of only one of which can be definitely ascribed to him, in order to get at the heart of his teachings. Here in this compact volume may be discovered all that the general reader needs to know of the teachings of one whose singular elevation of thought gives him a place beside Jesus of Nazareth as a moralist. In this work may also be found much of the teachings of Mencius, who following the lines of doctrines laid down by Confucius, enforced for a later century the elevated precepts of his more distinguished predecessor.

The views of Mencius on Land, Taxation and Trade have been long known to Single Taxers. The accomplished editor of this work, Miles Menander Dawson, has not neglected this phase of his subject. This with other paragraphs from Mencius is quoted:

"If in the market place, he levy a ground rent on the shops but do not tax the goods, or enforce proper regulations without levying a ground rent, then all the merchants of the empire will be pleased and will wish to have their goods in his market place. If at his frontier there be an inspection of persons but no import duties, all travelers throughout the empire will be pleased, and wish to make their tours on his roads."

Mr. Dawson says: "The foregoing quotation from the book of Mencius favors 'ground rent,' i. e., a tax upon the ground itself, now known as the 'Single Tax' as proposed by Henry George, or 'proper regulation,' by which is doubtless meant licenses for use—but not a tax on goods, i. e., upon personal property. Still less does he favor import duties."

Mencius did not see it all, but he saw much of it very clearly.—J. D. M.

*The Ethics of Confucius, the Sayings of the Master and His Disciples upon the Conduct of the Superior Man. By Miles Menander Dawson, with a Foreword by Wu Ting Fang. 12mo. 323 pp. Price \$1.50 net. G. P. Putnam and Sons, New York and London.

A BOOK FROM AUSTRALIA.

Truly the number of Single Tax books grows apace. Its bibliography is assuming really formidable proportions, and few of them are without merit of some sort. This work entitled "The Greed of Man" is by E. Herbert Shaw, late vicar of Alstonville, New South Wales, who is a newcomer to the fold, and who writes with fine facility. This work is addressed primarily to the clergy whom he accuses of neglecting the plain teachings of their precepts.

He urges the Christian Church to abandon its alliance with the institution of land-owning to the point of relinquishing all revenues derived from land rent. His plea is impassioned and eloquent. He goes even to the limit of providing forms of relinquishment to be supplied on application.

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