

his income, but what is more important to her, she promises to devote herself to the cause.

"It was sometimes facetiously said that there were two Joseph Fels. And there were; but the other one's name was Mary. These two constant companions, one in the fullest sense of the word, were in such complete accord that the wife can continue the work without a break. It is not her idea to sit at ease, listening to reports read by a private secretary and drawing cheques in favor of experts. She asks that the contributions be forgotten and calls upon all who believe as she does to show their faith by getting down to work as she does.

"Mary Fels' point of view may be seen from her remark to a doubting Thomas who thought it no use to aid the moral derelicts: 'Surely you don't believe that human beings are ever born bad.' There is a whole philosophy in that. Believers in heredity with all their research have never been able to show a single inherited moral trait. The utmost that they have been able to prove is that some children come into the world with less power to resist evil influences. But all, the morally weak and the morally strong, are wholly dependent upon environment."

SINGLE TAX CAMPAIGN IN COLORADO SPRINGS.

The successful culmination of George J. Knapps' campaign for Municipal Single Tax in Pueblo aroused a flame of enthusiasm in Colorado Springs Single Taxers. Shortly after the November election we engaged him to manage a similar campaign for us.

All the schedules of the tax payers for the year 1913 have been copied, and work at figuring them out is going forward to have them ready to mail to the taxpayers. An explanatory letter will accompany each schedule, showing each tax payer how much he would have saved if the city's revenues for the year had been raised by the taxation of land values only.

The petitions were ready to submit to the qualified voters for their signatures in

June. The details of the law have not yet been entirely settled, but it is certain that provision will be made for a separate assessment of the city's land by the Somers system. To make this possible a section of the law will confer the duties and powers of city Assessor upon the present finance commissioner.

We are confident that the law will pass because the tax-paying public is tremendously dissatisfied with the present system of assessments and taxation. This is because the assessor, together with certain of the business interests of the city took advantage of a change in the law, requiring that the assessment of all property be changed from the one third valuation to the full valuation. Under cover of this, rightly or wrongly they managed to have downtown values multiplied by two instead of by three, with the result that it was necessary to multiply the valuations of a large number of small taxpayers by four. The full valuation law itself is a source of discontent, because under Colorado law, \$200.00 of personal property being exempt, the full value assessments caused many of those who had been escaping under this rule to pay taxes, and many of those who had formerly been paying but two or three dollars to pay from 50 to 100% more. These different things raised such a storm of dissatisfaction, that hundreds of people have called on the assessor and angrily protested their grievances. So much for the public mind on taxation.

But another weighty reason why we should win at our election is found in the state of alarm which exists because of the terrible conditions which have continued for eight or nine months in the Colorado strike district. Feeling against big business has been growing intense among the poorer classes, and even big business has been shocked to such an extent that many of those who profit by it are more willing to lend a sympathetic ear to any one who thinks he has the real remedy to offer. Many people who would have been ashamed ten years ago to be seen talking with a socialist or a Single Taxer, are more anxious to listen to their proposals than they would be willing to admit. And this is due

not only to the strike trouble. The present lasting industrial depression has been having its effect upon that conservative class of people made up of the "respectable" professions, such as lawyers, physicians, musicians, etc. For if the people are so poor that bills cannot be paid, what will they do who are but an adjunct to the main mass?

The Fels Fund is duplicating all money raised here, and this generous assistance, together with the practical hard headed methods of George J. Knapp and the never-tiring efforts of a couple of dozen inveterate Single Taxers, make us confident of victory when our proposition is submitted to the voters next spring.

ERNEST A. SINTON, Sec.

ACTIVITIES OF THE NEW YORK
STATE SINGLE TAX LEAGUE
AND THE COMING SECOND
ANNUAL CONVENTION.

The offer of special prizes by the N. Y. State Single Tax League to high school pupils throughout New York State for the best essays on the philosophy of Henry George has called forth much popular interest and a surprising number of newspaper notices. Indeed, no event of recent occurrence has resulted in such gratifying reception from pupils and educators. It has occasioned much reference to the works of Henry George on the part of thousands of bright pupils, who in all but a few instances have had the help of their teachers. The few of the latter who have declined to give it attention and supervision have for the most part done so because of their doubt as to their authority in the matter.

The work of the officers of the State League has aroused much local activity followed by the organization of local clubs. The effect of Miss Colbron's visit up State under the auspices of the League has not yet died out, as is evidenced by continuing correspondence from the places she visited.

The second annual convention of the League will be held this year in the city of

Buffalo, and will convene at the Hotel Touraine, on Saturday, Sept. 5. It is expected that Hon W. S. Rann, corporation counsel of the city, will make the address of welcome. Invitations with fuller particulars will be mailed in a few days to all Single Taxers throughout the State. A large attendance is anticipated.

REDIVIVUS.

(*Christ Again*).

(*For the Review*).

DEDICATED TO THE CHURCH OF THE SOCIAL
REVOLUTION, NEW YORK.

As our readers know, the REVIEW does not favor the printing of much verse in its columns. But the following, written especially for it, is such a splendidly sustained effort that we give it place. It is worthy to become the esteemed lyric of our movement, indeed of all libertarian movements. The author has been a Single Taxer for many years, was founder and publisher of the *Horseless Age*, long the recognized organ of the automobile trade. He is a cousin of Chas. H. Ingersoll, known wherever the Single Tax and the Dollar Watch is known.

Copies of this poem neatly printed on good paper, in connection with a hymn (words and music) to Liberty, by E. P. Ingersoll, will be forwarded for distribution in limited quantities to whoever will send the necessary postage.—EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

Two thousand years the church has stood
And waited for the Lord,
Two thousand years of widowhood
In sombre weeds abhorred.

Eyes fixed upon the vacant sky
With wide expectant gaze,
She counts her ceaseless rosary
And for the coming prays.

While roundabout the multitude,
On ritual manna fed,
On pious psalm and platitude,
Still cries for daily bread.

A stone ye give in lieu of bread!
A serpent's poisoned sting
The hand conceals ye stretch to aid
In your vain ministering!