

JOSEPH FELS, THE MAN.

Mr. Joseph Fels is a short, rather chubby Jew, perhaps an inch over five feet in height, with a pair of clever, beaming, dark eyes, and a black, grey-streaked, Jewish-looking beard. In fact, a typical little Jew, though Dr. Maurice Fishberg denies the existence of the type in a thousand and one brochures. This morsel of Jewry, having accumulated fabulous millions in the manufacture of laundry soap, has, according to his own story, felt all this money burn in his pockets. Something of the shame of unnecessary accumulation is his; something more than contempt is in his mouth, when he refers to the fact that monopoly and protection helped him to make his "pile." * * * * *

Someone said he was a Jew. Yes, said Fels to an audience of 250 Bostonians, "and the mission of the Jews is to bring Christianity to you Christians." Bang! There was nothing far off, vague or mellifluous in the utterance—nothing to palliate the criticism of the failure of Christianity. Other men have said this thing, but they said it differently. Their vision is of the unutterable, they suggest the nebulous which humanity will never reach, and so and so on. Fels has made soap with borax and naphtha, they scour, sting, and saturate. Borax is parching bitter to the tongue, naphtha is hot and burning. The acid and oil search out the hidden recesses. That is how Fels, without a touch of oratory, expresses his idea of the Jewish mission to Christians.

The reader would resent dissertation on the Single Tax theory, so let it sleep awhile, until high prices have done their worst. But it is good to know there is a Joseph Fels stirring the old and new world; getting "under the hide" as he phrases it; scattering money in the effort to make men see the first principles of social economics—it is a good thing in a dull world to meet Joseph Fels—he is a man.—*The Jewish Advocate*, Boston, Mass.

The Economic and Social Problem, by Michael Flurscheim, from the Jefferson Publishing Co., Xenia, Ill., has been received, and will be reviewed in next issue.

MR. BOLTON HALL SPEAKS IN A BROOKLYN CHURCH.

On Sunday evening February 13th, Mr. Bolton Hall occupied the pulpit in the Unity Congregational Church, Brooklyn.

It was the fifth of a series of Sunday evening lectures given by a prominent advocate of some Social reform, each showing how his particular reform would "help forward the Kingdom of God."

At the close of Mr. Hall's talk, Dr. Brundage, the Minister of the Church, made a few remarks before calling for questions.

He said: "Two weeks ago we had the Rev. Thomas Hall, the minister who told us how Christian Socialism proposed to help forward the Kingdom of God. Tonight we have his brother, the lawyer, who showed us how the Single Tax would help forward the Kingdom of God and it seems to me the lawyer has preached us quite as good a sermon as did the minister."

Evidently the audience thought it was better, for in their enthusiasm they forgot they were in church and gave the speaker a hearty round of applause, which they repeated several times when he answered their questions in a most clear, convincing manner.

Before Mr. Hall left the pulpit Dr. Brundage invited him to give them another Sunday evening in the near future.

The Cincinnati *Times Star* printed on its first page a picture of Joseph Fels with the caption "Man Who Financed Cause of the British Budget." Of his lecture delivered at the Hotel Munro in Cincinnati, the *Enquirer* of that city says, "Mr. Fels, who is a wiry little man of about fifty, is an entertaining talker, who seems entirely absorbed in his subject." The *Commercial Tribune* also contains a picture of Mrs. Fels under the heading "Aids Husband in Single Tax Work." Mrs. Joseph Fels and Mrs. Daniel Kiefer spoke on the woman question at the parlors of the Gibson House in Cincinnati.

JULIAN SALE, of Toronto, left that city last month for a visit to California.