

travel here, there and everywhere, to meet my traducers face to face. I have experienced to the full the sweets of public life, and I have experienced also to the full the bitters of it, but if I had to close book now my last words would be: Thanks—grateful thanks—to a constituency which has never for a moment lost faith or confidence in me; to a people who have refused to listen to unfounded and unsupported calumny; to my colleagues; and to the country which has taught me more than I ever previously realised the truth of the words which I quoted when I first offered myself as a candidate for Parliament:

"Honor and Shame from no condition arise;

"Act well your part—there all the honor lies."

(Prolonged Applause.)

THE NEW ENGLISH LEADER.

(See Portrait)

The new president of the English League for the Taxation of Land Values, Josiah C. Wedgewood, M. P., was born in 1872, and is the second son of Clement Francis Wedgewood, Master Potter of Etruria, and great-great grandson of the founder of that establishment. He was apprenticed to Armstrongs at the Elswick shipyards and joined the government service in 1895 as a Naval Constructor at Portsmouth Dockyard.

Mr. Wedgewood is a brand rescued from the socialist burning. In 1892 he was an ardent Fabian. But later he was to fall under the influence of Crompton Llewelyn Davies and emerge from such influence as a full fledged, singularly able apostle of freedom as embodied in the Single Tax philosophy.

1899 he volunteered for service in South Africa and went out as captain of the Elswick Battery. He served through that war, coming out with medals for distinguished services. In 1902 he was appointed Resident Magistrate of the district of Ermelo (Transvaal). In the reorganization of the Local Administration and

Taxation of the Transvaal, he used his influence to get local taxation based entirely on unimproved value, but only succeeded so far as to get the local tax based on capital value (as in New York) instead of on annual value (as in England). The valuations are very fair and in the Transvaal, for the lists are public there, and there is a general desire to leave the figures as high as possible for selling and mortgaging purposes.

In 1904 Mr. Wedgewood returned to England, and in 1906 was elected to Parliament, winning the seat of Newcastle-under-Lyne as a radical, with a majority of over 2,000. Newcastle is one of the pottery towns.

Since entering Parliament Mr. Wedgewood has raised the Single Tax flag on every issue. He has been busy elsewhere with voice and pen. He has published a number of pamphlets which have been widely circulated. Among these are *Real Land Reform*, *Land Values*, *How and Why They should be Taxed*, and *Henry George for Socialists*.

Mr. Wedgewood was married in 1894 to a daughter of the late Lord Bowen, a Lord of Appeal, and has six children, all of whom he assures us, have "seen the cat." His election as President of the English League for the Taxation of Land Values was a fitting recognition of his great services and splendid devotion to the cause he has espoused.

THE *Evening Telegram* of Portland, Oregon, contained a column review of the contents of a recent issue of the *Single Tax REVIEW*.

THE October issue of the *Free Trade Broadside* published in Boston by the American Free Trade League and edited by William Lloyd Garrison, contains a portrait and sketch of Byron W. Holt, under the title of "A Maker of Public Opinion."

HAMLIN GARLAND has written a play to be called *Labor*. It will be reproduced in Chicago during the coming Winter.