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## THE FUTURE OF THE REVIEW.

If the REVIEW could double its present size, making 128 pages instead of 64 it would then rank in bulk and appearance with the *British Reviews*. The number of its pages would then admit of the printing of essays of a more lengthy character, and a more elaborate presentation of certain phases of the movement.

Such a change, rather than its more frequent appearance in smaller form, is practicable, or might with some effort be made so. It must be borne in mind that if the REVIEW were a monthly publication, even though it contained no greater amount of pages for the year, it would entail a greater

expense. It would call for more time in its preparation and greater labor on the part of its editor. This the management could not afford to spare. It is not necessary to say that there is now no special remuneration to the editor for his labors, which are taken from other work.

This is the reply to the friends who urge a more frequent appearance in smaller form. It is not practicable, even if the number of subscribers could be increased. The REVIEW without being a cheap publication in appearance, is run at the very lowest cost possible. Considering the present status of the movement it is perhaps all that can be desired. It has won for itself a standing as the news organ of the movement, and has been called "The best Single Tax organ since the Standard," all things considered. Even though it appears quarterly its character and general appearance are infinitely superior to the little sheets that at one time hurriedly printed and prepared reflected no great credit on the movement. It has been our aim to present a periodical which should in some degree inspire respect in the quarters to which it was sent. It has been the labor of one individual to attend to all the necessary details of publication, and we have had the loyal support of those whose judgment as to the work the REVIEW is doing is most valuable and inspiring. In performing such labors we have experienced a real delight that a greater material reward could not possibly give.

We differ with those who regard the existence of a Single Tax organ, if it must be supported by a guaranty, as a matter of no great importance. We consider it a work of great, though not of the greatest importance that some well conducted journalistic organ should occupy the field. And even if such journal cannot be kept alive by its subscription list, the small contributions that to go make up the deficiency in the cost of publication are sums well spent for the cause we have at heart.

We may say as to the future that we are willing to supply the time and labor, and even to double the size of the REVIEW if support is forthcoming. The REVIEW, in consideration of the small sacrifice it entails, should be kept alive until something better can take its place. And every individual subscriber should remember that it devolves upon him to do what he can for the organ of the movement.

## DEATH OF JAMES LOVE.

On June 1st James Love, author of "*Japanese Notions of Political Economy*," passed away in the city of Camden, where he had lived for a number of years. Mr. Love has contributed many a thoughtful and satiric paper to the REVIEW since the beginning of its publication, and no other name among those who have worked with the pen to popularize the truths of the Single Tax has

become better known during the last five or ten years.

Mr. Love was born in Philadelphia and came of an old Quaker family. His parents died when he was still a child, and this interrupted his education. He worked for a time in his brother's law office, and at the age of nineteen went to California with the gold seekers. There he lived for eight or nine years.

In spite of his lack of early training, his appreciation of what was best in life, learning and art, was so great that he could, without exaggeration, be termed a man of large and liberal culture. His knowledge of books, for he was a great reader, was far beyond that of the average college-bred man. His conception of the Christian virtues was of the loftiest possible type, and it was this that made him so tenacious of truth when he had finally come to it, guided as he was by the processes of a severely logical mind. The Single Tax, approving itself as it did to his high ideals, as well as to the mathematical exactness of his thought, was almost a religion with him. There was little that he would not have done for its triumph.

The "Japanese Notions of Political Economy," the single work on which his fame will rest, is an economic and literary *jeu d'esprit*, almost classical in perfection, and deserving to rank with the works of Defoe and Swift. This book, which is a report supposed to have emanated from a Japanese commission appointed to examine European and American systems of political economy, is full of humor, and the seriousness of the language lends to this elaborate literary hoax a plausibility that at the time of its appearance deceived a number of the professors of political economy, against whom Tentaro Makato levels his keenest thrusts.

Mr. Love was seventy-one years of age at the time of his death. His body was taken to Burlington, Iowa, where for many years he had lived, to be buried among his wife's people. He leaves a widow and three children. Forty years of wedded happiness had made Mr. Love and his wife one in aim and sympathy. It must have been that her perfect understanding of his high character and his intellectual aims mitigated that keenness of disappointment and depression that come to those who take up arms against conventional error and who must face the world's disfavor.

The REVIEW presents in its opening pages the last article from his pen, written a few weeks before his death. It will possess to our readers an added pathos. There is no doubt that the slow progress of our movement disappointed, perhaps even embittered, the great simple nature of this fine spirit, who saw so clearly the evils of civilization and was sorely perplexed that others could not also see them. It is here, perhaps, that we must seek for an explanation of his supreme impatience with the professors of

political economy, whom he could not help but look upon as teachers of unrighteousness, cowardly and perversely blind leaders of the blind. Nor could the Spartan nature of this grand old man concede to insincerity the defense of caution. In the pursuit of truth he could not comprehend the fear of martyrdom, and he demanded from others what he was willing himself to yield—everything indeed to the ideal of self-sacrifice for truth as the soul is brought face to face with its august presence.

#### DEATH OF MRS. SOUTHWORTH.

The death of Mrs. Louisa Southworth on the 18th of May, removes from several spheres of activity one of the most devoted women of her time. For years her labors had been given to the two movements which directly interested her most, the woman suffrage and the Single Tax propaganda, and to both she was a generous contributor.

Her instincts were genuinely democratic, and thus it was not surprising that the philosophy of Henry George early enlisted her enthusiasm, and to the end of her days her active interest in the cause remained unabated.

In the city of Cleveland where she lived, and where she died at the age of seventy-four, she had been one of the helpful agencies of that movement which had restored the city to its people from the hands of the political freebooters and placed it in the keeping of an honest democratic mayor. Her influence in the women suffrage movement had always been exerted in the direction of giving to such movement the democratic impetus that it lacks, and without which it will avail but little. It was indeed the larger results of these reforms, and their wider human relation that interested her most. That such views were not always in harmony with the sentiments of many of those active in the women suffrage movement did not greatly disturb her, and in that cause as in every other she was a great moral and uplifting influence.

#### DEATH OF THOS. F. BRENNAN.

We regret to chronicle the death of another good friend of the movement, Mr. Thomas F. Brennan, who died in Philadelphia, in May of this year. Mr. Brennan was long a member of the Philadelphia Single Tax Society, and was at one time president of the Single Tax Club of that city. He was one of the original Delaware campaigners, and was at all times an earnest and ardent worker in the cause.

There is no question in this country so important as the land question,—*Ellis County (Tex.) Mirror*.