

Mr. Furbish had among his friends many of the prominent public men of the past and present day, and was full of anecdote and reminiscence. He had perhaps a too great impatience with those who differed with him. But he was a man of very positive convictions and large impetuosity, and to such strong emotions as were always aroused within him by the spectacle of undeserved suffering, much could be pardoned.

He had done good service for the Single Tax cause, and he could say, as was said of Heine by Heine himself, "I was a brave soldier in the war for human freedom."

DANIEL KIEFER'S CHARGES NOT PROVEN.

In a recent issue of the *American Israelite* Daniel Kiefer has a letter referring to an article of his published in the *Public* in which he attempts to trace the origin of anti-Semitic feeling to the caste spirit of the Hebrews and their devotion to plutocracy. He points to the fact that among those who are aiming to abolish special privileges anti-Semitism does not exist. If Mr. Kiefer refers to the Single Tax movement it is equally true that among us there is a like absence of anti-Protestantism, or anti-Catholicism, or any of the hateful "antis" to which anti-Semitism is allied. And the reason for this is the enlightening influence of a truth which substitutes love for hatred.

Prof. Deutsch in another and later issue of the *Israelite* opposes the position taken by Mr. Kiefer, but does so in poor taste, heading his article "The Jewish anti-Semite." If pointing out what one conceives to be a certain tendency of this class of our fellow citizen is to be a Jew hater, then, unhappily, our Jewish friend, Mr. Kiefer, is one. This charge together with a covert sneer at the Vine Street Congregational Church, of which Herbert Bigelow is pastor, and which Mr. Kiefer attends, detracts from the force of Prof. Deutsch's reply.

But we think Mr. Kiefer is wrong, and that he illustrates again the impossibility which Buckle pointed out of bringing "indictments against a whole people." The Jews are no whit more subservient to plutocracy than other groups of our citizens. The allegation that "they acted as a body in 1896 on the side of plutocracy, corruption and legalized plunder," is much too strong. Many, perhaps most, voted the Republican ticket in that year, but as did thousands who were not plutocratic. We would remind Mr. Kiefer that many Single Taxers voted that way, too.

As a matter of fact nearly all reform movements—the Single Tax movement especially—number among their foremost members those of the Jewish persuasion. Their names will occur to the reader without suggestion from us. To their great hearts and splendid intellects the cause of

which Henry George, living or dead, is the leader, owes much.

PASTORIZA'S LOG CABIN.

The log cabin of J. J. Pastoriza is famous in the city of Houston, and its fame has travelled far beyond the boundaries of Texas. The *Houston Daily Chronicle* thus describes it:

"A cosy log cabin, old-fashioned and homely, stands in the outskirts of the South End, and those who look for the first time upon its clapboard room, its mud dobbed logs and its homely surroundings are reminded of the days of Daniel Boone and Davy Crockett. The cabin is newly built and the idea of the constructor to reproduce a habitation like those which dotted Texas and American soil in general a century ago, is faithfully carried out.

There is a fence surrounding it of rails like Lincoln split, and in the place of a modern gate an old fashioned stile must be climbed to get within the yard.

The cool, rough board porch fronting the south, the massive post oak foundations, the chimney and wide mouthed fireplace built of sticks and mud, are the markings of the old cabin in which American freedom and greatness were cradled.

It is the Pastoriza Single Tax Cabin—the home of the Single Taxers of Texas.

Mr. Pastoriza is a man of original ideas, and in the edifice he has constructed he has undoubtedly given a most unique monument to the great economic theory of which he is a student and believer.

The cabin stands for simplicity, honesty, sturdy yeomanry—basic requisites for a great people—and it is a worthy symbol of the teachings of Henry George—the new idea which advocates of it believe presages the coming of an Utopian period for a sadly demoralized world."

In answer to an inquiry by a representative of the *Chronicle* Mr. Pastoriza said:

"You ask me why I built a log cabin in the center of the residence district of Houston, with a population of 70,000 people. The object I had in view was to call attention to the Single Tax theory. I selected this particular spot because a company of which I was a member bought about 80 acres of land here and subdivided it into city lots, making from 300 to 400 per cent. on its investment.

"If the Single Tax had been in operation this increase in value would have been taken by the city in the form of taxes and used by it in paving the streets, extending the water mains and lighting the territory. As it is, we few individuals have pocketed the profits, but the streets are unpaved and the territory unlighted, and those who have bought the lots for residence property have not the advantage of city water or sewerage.

"When quite a young man I gave considerable thought to the social conditions of