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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

Many of our subscribers have not yet responded to our call by mail for renewals. They are urgently requested to do so. If this notice is marked with blue pencil, our friends will please accept it as a second notification and kindly remit.

In the back pages of this magazine will be found the price list of all the works of Henry George, together with other minor works on political economy. The holidays are drawing near, and no more acceptable present can be made than books which point the way to industrial emancipation. Do not order of your newsdealer, but send direct to us. In so doing our friends will bear in mind that they are helping the REVIEW.

This number is especially adapted for propaganda uses. It indicates the growth of the movement among Christian ministers. Copies may be mailed at 10 cents each; a few hundred more are left. Let us hear from our friends who may have in mind those to whom it could be sent with a prospect of doing good.

Among the members of the new editorial board of management of the *Arena* are Bolton Hall and E. H. Crosby. This magazine continues to be representative of the current radical thought of the day.

FOR AN ORGANIZATION AND A PAPER.

From the many experiments to found an organ of the movement that shall be self-supporting, this fact stands plainly out: If there were a strong National organization with

local branches, such organization could defray out of its treasury the expenses of publication with the smallest possible tax upon individual members. It is our conviction that the expense of publication ought to be met in this way. By no other method can an organ of the movement, of sufficient character to command respect, succeed.

This is thrown out by way of suggestion, with the hope that it may take shape. It should be of interest to all those who believe that the movement should have an organ. In our judgment there ought not to be two opinions as to this. Apathetic as we are all apt to become after a time as to many of the general facts of our progress, especially where all our energies are enlisted in some local fight that is of immediate importance, that demands all our efforts and all the money that individuals can afford to spend, the history of the movement elsewhere is nevertheless of immense interest and significance. It should find permanent record in a journal that has for its chief purpose the putting into convenient shape for reference every successive step in our progress.

This is important not only to those to whom such news is an inspiration, but to those whose business is journalism—who desire to keep informed of what is being done by those active in a movement to the importance of which they are by no means indifferent.

The thing difficult to understand is that single taxers everywhere should not perceive this, that single taxers anywhere should be indifferent to the success of a great National organ. But so it is. This apathy it is impossible to overcome. Even the Standard, as able a paper as was ever published in any cause, was compelled to succumb, and the many attempts since that time to found an organ have met with a like fate. But it will be tried again and again, and it will finally succeed when a great national organization stands at its back, and for this reason if for no other such a national organization should be formed.

The possibility of making an organ self-supporting by any other means will not increase as the movement grows and extends. Mr. George long ago pointed out that at such time this possibility will become more remote, and the cause will not then need a paper of its own. This is in a sense true. All the papers to-day in Colorado are discuss the Australasian tax system and the Bucklin Amendment. There is no occasion for an exclusive organ to discuss it. The same is true of the situation in Ohio, for it happens that our movement has taken unexpected shapes. But in another sense the need of a journal increases with these extraordinary indications of our progress. Our brothers in Colorado are anxious to know what their fellows are doing in Ohio, and if they are to depend upon the papers of their own state alone for information their knowledge will be meagre indeed. Such reflections, and

the further relations that they will suggest ought to give a realizing sense of the importance to our movement of an organ that will command respect, that will be a record of those successive steps in the progress of the emancipation of industry and the enfranchisement of the toiler.

MINISTERS IN POLITICS.

This number is an indication of the interest that is being taken in social questions, and in that chief of social questions, the single tax, by Jewish pastors and Christian ministers. It is indicative of the increasing seriousness of industrial problems when men whose mission, traditionally, is to preach individual, rather than social, salvation, should address themselves to this larger task. But many clergymen have learned to recognize that individual betterment is not possible where social injustice stifles the finer sentiments and higher aspirations. Men must at least have a chance to be good before they can be successfully appealed to upon the value of goodness. Hunger is not an incentive to righteousness, nor the consciousness of being oppressed conducive to love for our fellowmen who thoughtlessly or ignorantly uphold such oppression.

As the great industrial issue forces its way into politics, as political campaigns come to be waged over questions of grave fundamental human rights, more and more earnest minded ministers of Christ will be found making their way to the front. They will heed the cry of the oppressed, and some of them will be among the first to witness the rout of the oppressors. Many an one has heard the call to battle:

"Let the victors when they come,
When the forts of folly fall,
Find thy body by thy wall,"

and they have answered bravely, devotedly.

It has ever been so. Organized Christianity, yielding to the influences of the time, grown servile or Pagan, has been saved by the Christlike souls in her service. The roll-call of the great reformers cannot be named without including many of those eminent in the ministry. Regardless of the cavillings of respectability, they have dared to make practical applications of the teachings of Jesus, and so have rescued the Church from contempt and oblivion and preserved it to posterity.

When the brave young preacher of Cincinnati cast his lot with the forces that are fighting for social justice and consented to head the ticket in Ohio, he was doing what the needs of his time demanded—what Beecher or Channing would have done under like circumstances. In meeting the people, in voicing their wrongs, in attacking those in high places, he is doing what Christ did when he drove the money changers out of the temple. And his acts dignify the cloth. For this kind of Christianity is to be preferred to that which profits by social abuses,

and to that preaching which exhorts the workers to be patient, to look forward to treasures in the next world as a recompense for being robbed of the treasures of this. Christianity of this "comfortable" kind will some day, perhaps, make its preachers mightily uncomfortable when they appear before the Grand Assize.

The *Columbus Press*, with laudable enterprise, has presented some features in the life of the first governor of Ohio, who also was a preacher—Governor Tiffin. He made an excellent governor, carrying into political life those Christian principles which he had expounded from the pulpit. No man ever did more to advance the true interests of Ohio, and his was a clean, honest, Christian administration of State affairs. He was twice elected, practically without opposition. So it may not be well to sneer at Bigelow as a "preacher politician." The term may recoil to plague those who use it now as a sneer against the brave, stalwart, pulpit champion of the people's rights who stands as candidate for the office of Secretary of State.

PERSONALS.

Charles K. Otken, our old friend and worker in the cause at McComb City, Miss., is preparing a book on the single tax, to embody in the simplest language practicable a statement of the principles and the results to be looked for from its adoption.

Prince Leo Tolstoi, single taxer and grand old man of Russia, is the guest of Queen Elizabeth, of Roumania. He is said to have just completed a treatise on economics, the aim of which is to popularize the teachings of Henry George. Some of this we hope to present in translation in a future number of the *REVIEW*.

John J. Murphy, former editor of the *National Single Taxer*, addressed the State Federation of Labor at Meriden on Thursday, Oct. 16th.

Ernest Howard Crosby and James R. Brown addressed the recent Peace Conference at Mystic, Conn.

Friends of J. B. Vining, of Cleveland, who has worked so long and earnestly for the triumph of justice, will regret to hear of the death of Mr. Vining's father, on Aug. 31st.

Messrs. Powell and Lyburger, our good single tax workers of Philadelphia, have been nominated by the Democrats for the legislature, and Callingham missed the nomination for Congress by a few votes.

H. V. Hetzel, of Philadelphia, is in Ohio stumping for Billy Radcliffe, "S. T.," democratic candidate for sheriff of Mahoning County.

Miss Alto Yolo, (Mrs. Gavin D. High)