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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

*This issue of the Review has been delayed owing to confusion incident to removal of printing plant to Jamaica, N. Y., and of publication office to 150 Nassau Street, N. Y. City.*

There have been some signs of increased interest in the REVIEW, and some new subscriptions have been sent in by our friends. We desire to thank them for this evidence of interest. No more important work can be done just now for the cause than to place the REVIEW in an unassailable position in point of circulation. We have repeatedly urged upon our readers the desirability of emulating our socialist friends in their regard for their organs. They believe (and rightly) that however great the publicity obtained by their propaganda through lectures and other means, their papers and magazines are needed to correct misapprehensions as to their doctrines and to acquaint their converts with the progress that is being made—and we trust that Single Taxers are not deluded in the belief that socialism is making slow advance. The recent extraordinary declarations of numbers of more or less prominent clergymen of their belief in what they are pleased to call Christian Socialism is one of the most notable signs of such

advance. Socialism does not become any more practical or realizable by having "Christian" prefixed to it, nor can it be said that what many of these amiable gentlemen take for socialism is the real thing. But the demonstration is none the less significant.

Perhaps if these high minded men of the pulpit who are drawn to socialism more because of their love for humanity than by economic considerations knew of the Single Tax and the answer that the true individualism of our movement makes to the perplexing problems that confront them, their activities would take a vastly different direction. But at this juncture where is our literature? If the *Public* and the REVIEW could be placed in their hands it is conceivable that many minds might be won to our cause who are now wandering in the wilderness.

The lack of interest in the Single Tax organs dates back from the declaration of Henry George who in an editorial announcing the suspension of the *Standard* said that distinctive Single Tax papers were not needed because the press everywhere was becoming hospitable to our doctrines. We know now how far astray was this splendid optimism. We have witness of it in the silence maintained by the press of this country on all matters concerning the movement in Great Britain for the taxation of land values. American readers are in utter ignorance of the fact that the two houses of parliament have rung with praise and denunciation of the truth for which Single Taxers stand and that a book by an American writer is remaking British politics. If they learn of this at all it is through the columns of the Single Tax REVIEW

In view of this it is inconceivable that our comrades should be blind to the importance of the journalistic side of our movement. A recent letter from a well known Single Taxer in Cleveland voices this indifference when he says that he "has never considered an organ vital to the success of the movement." To which we may reply that the movement would of course continue in the absence of any

paper in advocacy of the cause. It would continue if all lecture work were abandoned; it would go on even if Single Taxers should for the remainder of their lives remain silent. But how far and how fast would it travel?

Of course what Single Taxers do not recognize others who have watched the growth of socialism do. Thus the *New York Sun* observes that "the efficiency of the socialist propaganda has been dependent almost exclusively on the influence exerted by the socialist press." How much longer will our comrades remain indifferent to this most effective mode of propaganda?

The same indifference, curiously oblivious to so much that is obvious, met these who took up the work of the conference as a means to effect organization. It was necessary to meet this opposition at every point. Some of our prominent leaders looked askance at the proposition for organization. But from the rank and file went forth the demand that won them as reluctant converts

Hitherto the burden of carrying on the agitation for the Single Tax has fallen upon a small percentage of our believers. The time has now come for our friends everywhere to give their support to the organization. If ten per cent of the Single Taxers will contribute to the League a fund can be raised large enough to meet the needs for all legitimate work. Our friends ought to be willing to make some sacrifice; faith without works is dead.

The enrollment continues, but it is by no means what it should be. If the League is to be an effective instrument for the doing of the work that has been outlined in the circular letter sent broadcast a short time ago it must have the cooperation of Single Taxers everywhere. Local organizations should be effected where they do not already exist, and where there are local clubs the matter of getting their members into the League should be taken up in real earnest.

The labor before us for the present is to build up the League. When it is built up plans may be laid for real work.

Every Single Taxer should consider it his duty to enroll as a member of the League, and to subscribe to the *REVIEW* which is the official medium of communication adopted at the Single Tax Conference last November. There was never a time in the history of the Single Tax movement when the growth of a national organization and increased circulation for the *REVIEW* meant so much to the cause.

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#### DEATH OF SIR HENRY CAMPBELL-BANNERMAN.

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We have no hesitation in saying that the death of the British premier is a distinct loss to our movement in Great Britain. The late Prime Minister will not rank in English history as the equal of Gladstone or Disraeli as an imposing intellectual figure; he lacked the moral grandeur of the former and the more showy gifts of the latter. But he nevertheless possessed solid qualities of mind; he had to a greater degree than Gladstone the prescience of democracy, and it is not too much to say that his utterances on the great social problem are the bravest and most pregnant ever delivered by one occupying what is perhaps the proudest official position in the English speaking world.

A few of these it may be desirable to recall as marking time in the progress of the social movement of our era. They cannot be matched in the words of all the great of England's past, and grateful indeed should we be to the brave prime minister who has indicated so clearly the lines of future political demarcation. If to those grown impatient at the slow progress of legislation it seems that he sometimes lagged in performance beyond the fast pace set by the democracy he professed, we must recall the difficulties of his position and the obstacles to be overcome. The very size of the Liberal majority in the Commons was itself rather a hindrance than a help, representing as it did so many different brands of party Liberalism.

Real liberalism he had defined as follows: "It is the policy of freedom in all things that affect the life of the people, freedom