

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.

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