

Then halt! for the riders, and help! for the ridden.
 And peace! for the land of the freedom-forbidden!
 This war is the game of a man in the saddle—
 Well called of the pipers, a frenzy astraddle!
 No horseman must gallop, no rider must perish,
 To gather the trophies that conquerors cherish!

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BOOKS

A GUIDE FOR ECONOMIC STUDENTS,

The Singletax Index. For the Quarter ending January, 1915. Volume one, number one. By Ralph Crossman, 121 Second St., San Francisco, Calif. Published by the Author. Price, \$1.00 a quarter.

Not only Singletaxers but all interested in economic questions will feel that Mr. Crossman has performed a valuable service. The student in search of facts bearing on some particular phase of land or taxation questions will find the book useful in directing him to the proper source. The propagandist who knows the facts, but wants to locate his authority, will appreciate the helpfulness of this work. Alphabetical lists are given of books and articles for and against Singletax, or discussing other tax propositions. Where to get desired information on the land question is made clear. The time and labor that this book will save sufficiently justify the painstaking effort that must have been required to gather its contents. S. D.



"OUT OF THE ABUNDANCE OF THE HEART."

Landmarks of a Lifetime. By Dorcas Helen Ingham, 114 S. Maryland St., Glendale, Calif. 1914. Price, postpaid, \$1.25.

The title of this volume of verse fairly indicates the nature of its contents. The years of a long life of quiet experiences are marked off by the poetic figures which stamp the time along the changing pathway on which the pilgrim may look back.

It is not of personal life alone that these records keep account. The stirring events and distinguished individuals of her time are celebrated in rhymes which reveal a broad comprehension of, and a deep sympathy with the cause of justice in national disputes. There was little that came into her field of life and thought that was not woven into these poetic webs along whose silver threads we trace the tenderness and purity of a heart that loved the lot of humanity with its visions of divinity. With a natural gift for casting her sentiments and fancies in rhyme (as evidenced by her *Ode to a Tear*, at the age of eleven) Mrs. Ingham seems to have written with no thought of fame,

but merely for the love of self-expression. To those who know and love her, her "Landmarks" will always be very precious. A. L. M.



ANOTHER TESTIMONY.

Modern Values and Their Christian Sources. By Phillip C. Walcott. Published by The Pilgrim Press, Boston. Price, \$1.00; postage, 10 cents.

In the four essays composing this volume of 200 pages, Mr. Walcott aims to show "that the religion of Jesus Christ is the chief channel through which the most valuable treasures of modern civilization have been preserved to us."

In "The Worth of Life," "The Transcendence of the Spiritual," "The Sovereignty of Righteousness," and "The Consciousness of God," he gives fair treatment of his subject and proves the assertion that "Jesus of Nazareth did not live and die in vain—that his handiwork is to be found in the mind of humanity today"—a statement which the writers of many religious essays are widely endorsing at the present time. A. L. M.



AN OLD STORY POORLY TOLD.

"Thracian Sea." By John Helston. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1914. Price, \$1.35 net.

"Thracian Sea"—the name of a race horse, by the way—is a most uninteresting example of exactly what a novel ought not to be. It concerns itself intimately with the love between man and woman, but fails to draw the distinction between innately noble and innately ignoble love. Yet to draw that distinction is apparently the purpose of the author and the only excuse for his modern realism—if anything so crude could be called "realism." If the moral is foggy, the plot is clear as crystal. Woman A loves man B who accepts her all and gives not even his name in return. B then loves C, who marries him for his money and promptly falls in love with D, who is man enough to save her from disgrace but not to disappear. C dies; D follows; and B returns sobered to his patiently waiting A when their child is sixteen years old, all three to be happy ever after. A. L. G.

PERIODICALS

Spiritual Malaria.

The February issue of *The Temple Artisan* (Halcyon, California, price 10 cents), contains a brief article by G. A. Briggs on Social Science. Mr. Briggs makes clear that the greatest obstacle to spiritual advancement is social injustice, which he fittingly calls "spiritual malaria." The removal of this he shows should be the first object of "all teaching whether secular or spiritual." "Other duties come