

against unanswerable objections on the plane of human observation.

It appears to us a self-evident truth that the principles of determinism and libertarianism are so subtly interwrought that we may adopt neither without, in a degree, committing ourselves, however unconsciously, to the leadings of the other.

Because Prof. Palmer confesses himself "a moderate idealist" to whom "mind is no accident—but rather the originating and explanatory factor conditioning all," we find his arguments' delightful incentives to thought upon a topic so vast that we have no desire, in our little human way, of arriving at definite and dogmatic conclusions.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

—The Promised Land. By Mary Antin. Published by Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston. 1912. Price, \$1.75 net.

—The Elements of Statistical Method. By Willford I. King. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1912. Price, \$1.50 net.

—The Story of a Ploughboy. By James Bryce. Published by John Lane Co., New York. 1912. Price, \$1.25 net, postage, 12 cents.

—Sociological Study of the Bible. By Louis Wallis. Published by the University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill. Price, \$1.50 net.

—Marcus Alonzo Hanna. His Life and Work. By Herbert Croly. Published by the Macmillan Co., New York. 1912. Price, \$2.50 net.

—Scum o' the Earth and Other Poems. By Robert Haven Schaufler. Published by, Houghton, Mifflin Co., Boston. 1912. Price, \$1.00 net.

—The Science of Poetry and the Philosophy of Language. By Hudson Maxim. Published by Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York and London. 1910. Price, \$2.50; postage prepaid.

## PAMPHLETS

### Pamphlets Received.

The School Journal: Parts I, II and III for Classes I to VI. Published by the Education Department of New Zealand, Wellington, N. Z. March, 1912.

An Outline of the European Co-operative Credit Systems. Published by the International Institute of Agriculture, G. Lorenzoni, Secretary, Rome. 1912.

The Socialist Party in the November Elections. By Robert F. Hoxie. Reprinted from The Journal of Political Economy of March, 1912. Published by The University of Chicago Press, Chicago, Ill.

Review of Legislative Proceedings of Session of 1911. by Joint Legislative Committee of Direct Legislation League of Washington State Federation of Labor, Farmers' Union, State Grange.

The Initiative and Referendum: Necessary Aids to True Representative Government. By George H. Duncan. Published for the New Hampshire Direct Legislation League, George H. Duncan, Secretary, East Jaffrey, N. H. Price, 5 cents.

## PERIODICALS

### The Bookman.

The Bookman (New York) seems to be waking up. This old established conservative magazine, which has made itself an authority for dignified criticism of literature and kindred art forms, but which for the last decade at least has kept its pages free from all contact with the burning public questions of the day, as if in fear of any touch of progressive thought, has recently printed articles which indicate an awakening. Not long ago a remarkable contribution under the title "Proletaire" marked the opening of this new era. The March number contains a most sympathetic and understanding review of Tom L. Johnson's book, "My Story." The fact of such a book receiving attention in the Bookman's pages at all was novelty enough; the manner in which it is handled completes the surprise. The writer of this review, which all those who knew Mayor Johnson's work will want to read, is George Middleton, a promising young playwright of New York city. Incidentally, Mr. Middleton is the son-in-law of Senator LaFollette.



### The Christian Science Monitor.

From its name, the Christian Science Monitor, published at Boston, is not uncommonly understood to be one of the organs of the Christian Science movement, somewhat as most religious publications are denominational organs, but this is a misapprehension. The Monitor is a national daily newspaper, and a model newspaper it has become. It stands for clean journalism, not so much by profession as many other newspapers do, but firmly so in fact. Avoiding the sensational, it gathers the news that is worth while and of general interest, and comments with editorial fairness. Although it carries a religious article daily, its recognition of readers' rights is so sensitive that these articles are distinguished in such manner that no one who buys the paper for its journalistic merits may find himself a victim of proselyting. He may read the religious article or ignore it, at his own will. We are moved to say this of the Monitor, because we have found in it one of the few really good newspapers of this country, a judgment which is confirmed by the opinions of readers outside the religious body whose name it bears.



### The French Singletax Review.

Writing under the date of March 10, Mr. Georges Darien, editor of "La Revue de L'Impot Unique," says: "A legislative election is taking place in Paris at the end of the present month (the present member having unexpectedly resigned his seat), and it has been resolved that I shall be a candidate. I have no hope of winning the seat—as our propaganda has not been carried on long enough—but it will create a great agitation around our ideas; and we shall be able to see exactly to what extent our doctrines catch the people at large. . . . My electoral campaign will bear exclusively upon the taxation of land values." In view of the political contest the April num-

ber of the review is given over chiefly to a restatement of elementary principles. On page 10 appear interesting portraits of Quesnay, Turgot and Henry George. The Singletax League presents its candidate for the establishment of "Liberty, Happiness and Justice for all by a Single Tax on Land Values." They hold out to the disinherited the hope of becoming in fact citizens of France and not merely exiles on French soil. The candidate sums up his declaration of principles with, "Justice for all, special privilege for none. I do not promise you victory," he adds. "That does not depend upon me. But I promise you a fight. And when we shall have obliged our enemies—the speculators who are enemies of their country—to unmask, we shall know where to strike—if we wish to live." The principal political groups in France are thus characterized: The Conservative, or

Nationalist party, which claims a monopoly of patriotism, is in reality concerned with the continuance of a more substantial sort of monopoly. "In fact, it is the party of satisfied appetites. The Radicals or Radical Socialists form the most important party numerically. When they were in the minority they offered a programme which was acceptable as a point of departure, however incomplete. But since gaining power they have abandoned their programme and exhausted their energies in the anti-clerical campaign. Content with the spoils of office, they offer small hope of reform. As for the Socialist party, it is five years since Mr. Clemenceau, then premier, challenged Mr. Jaurès to state what he would do if called to power. The Socialist leader, unprepared with an immediate answer, offered to present a plan of action in six months, but it has never seen the light.

### Dollar Diplomacy.



Sketch by Charles Johnson Post.

"Socialism has no clear-conception or practical idea. . . . It has always been incapable of explaining the question of property," and is blind to the gulf between property in land and other kinds of property. A free lance, not to be beguiled by the empty catch words of existing parties, Mr. Darien entered the lists as an Individualist Republican.

F. W. GARRISON.



"Having rallied my troops," said the Red Knight, "I will now march to settle the Trust problem at the head of my invincible army."

"You mean invincible, don't you?" said Alice.

"I mean invincible," replied the Red Knight. "Because we always march to battle convinced that we shall be robbed of the fruits of victory."

"Then why fight at all?" said Alice.

The Red Knight looked at her in astonishment. "If we don't fight, how can we cry fraud afterwards?"

"But you don't absolutely have to cry fraud, do you?" said Alice, timidly.

For the first time since their acquaintance the Red Knight grew sarcastic. "If you can tell me any other way we can keep up our spirits, I'd be much obliged," he said. . . .

The Red Knight gave the signal and the invincible army started out. Soon they came to two finger-posts pointing in the same direction. One finger-post said: "To the House of Good Trust," and the other finger-post said: "To the House of Bad Trust."

Alice thought that was very odd, but she resolved she'd wait until they came to a crossing. But when

they did the road on the left had no guide-post at all, and the two fingers continued to point down the other road.

"Do Good Trust and Bad Trust both live in the same house?" asked Alice.

"I shouldn't be surprised," said the Red Knight, and they marched on till they came to New Jersey. —The New York Nation of April 4.



Two women were leaving the theater after a performance of "The Doll's House."

"Oh, don't you love Ibsen?" asked one ecstatically.

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On May 3rd, 8 p. m., Schiller Hall, Schiller Bldg., Charles Frederick Adams will lecture on "How Shall Capital and Labor Be Reconciled?"

Come yourself and bring your friends.

James B. Ellery, Sec.

### The Single Taxers of Chicago

And their friends will dine at the **Union Restaurant** (2nd floor), 70 West Randolph Street, every Friday evening at 6.30 o'clock, beginning April 19. **Dinner a la carte.**

### BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

A **Progressive Euchre**, under auspices Single Tax League of Maryland, (Francis I. Mooney, President), for the benefit of "Joseph Fels Fund of America, to Abolish Poverty," Tuesday Evening, April 30th, at 8 o'clock. Claggett's Hall, 614 N. Fremont Ave., near Edmondson Ave. Tickets 50 cents.

### PHILADELPHIA, PA.

**Pennsylvania Single Tax League. Special Notice** — Commencing Sunday, May 5, the League will meet on the first, instead of the second Sunday afternoon of each month at 2:30 p. m., on the first floor of 1414 Arch Street. An open air meeting will also be held every Sunday Evening, on the City Hall Plaza, beginning this date. Royd Eastwood Morrison, Secretary, 50 N. Hobart St.

### BOSTON, MASS.

Professor **Lewis Jerome Johnson** of Harvard University, will speak on "Singletax," at the School of Social Science, Perkins Hall, 264 Boylston Street, Boston, on Wednesday, April 24, at 8 P. M. Admission Free.

### GALESBURG, ILL.

**Louis F. Post**, Editor **The Public**, will speak at Galesburg, Ill., on "Womanhood and Politics," Friday, April 26.

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