

### Neilson Peace Program

Mr. Francis Neilson, in a new pamphlet, "A Practical Program for a Just Peace," approaches the major problems of the post-war era from two directions—religious and economic. He claims that it is most essential that we put an end to the process of moral and ethical decay which has been going on for centuries, and that we make every effort to re-establish "the law common to all who seek the kingdom on earth".

From the economic standpoint Mr. Neilson declares that the burden of the overwhelming post-war debt must not be saddled on the common man. The only way to accomplish this and make a better world, according to Mr. Neilson, is to remove other forms of taxation and substitute land value taxation. In his own words "There is nothing simpler than taking rent for the use of the community because it is created by the community. This is the only way to relieve the producers of wealth from the burdens of taxation. In this method we go to the root of justice."

To demonstrate that his economic and religious desiderata are compatible, Mr. Neilson states further that the four leading religious

leaders in England advocate the taxing of land values for the benefit of the community.

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