

by taxing the unearned increment. The central principle of Article 27 of the Constitution of 1917 is that the land of Mexico belongs to the people as a whole, and that the nation has at all times the right to regulate the use of natural resources in the public interest, in order to make a more equitable distribution of the public wealth. Perhaps someday it will be recognized that the only practical way to achieve this is

by collecting for public use that value which the people as a whole have created.

A case study of a large scale agrarian experiment published by the University of Florida Press in Gainesville, is entitled *Land Reforms and Democracy* by Clarence Senior, and deals with the distribution of land to about 30,000 peasant families in Mexico. This is a pilot study for land reform movements with special reference to three major issues.

FROM UR TO NAZARETH, by Francis Neilson. Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, New York, 1960. 461 pages. \$6.
(Available from The Henry George News at \$5)

THE distinguished author, Francis Neilson read *Progress and Poverty* in his teens in England. In his home the principles of economic freedom were discussed by the outstanding radicals of the time, who were friends of his father. Also, the Bible was read every day, and it is to this heritage that he attributes the roots of learning and a disciplined writing style.

On reaching America before the age of twenty he learned to work hard at rather menial labor, but he continued the serious study of noble literature which was already a part of his nature. He was striking in appearance and possessed a vibrant voice, so it is not surprising that he became an impressive speaker and actor.

In 1902, having returned to England, he entered the political arena as a Liberal candidate for the British Parliament. He was then in the midstream of a career in the theater. Eight years later he was to become a Member of the House of Commons. It was during that period that religion and economics became absorbing interests which were to culminate in *From Ur to Nazareth*,

a crowning companion to previous notable volumes with which all Georgists should become acquainted.

Since 1915 Mr. Neilson has made his home in the United States. Just prior to his ninety-third birthday he spent two and a half years building this monumental book which John Haynes Holmes hails as a triumph—"the work of a lifetime of study and research." In a purely contemporary manner, he illuminates for us such familiar passages as the Sermon on the Mount, the concluding verses of Isaiah 65, and the poetry of the Psalms, discerning in them fresh economic and political texts.

The deeply-searching author has followed every forward step in this field during past decades, and when archeologists steadily produced facts confirming recorded evidence, he was unquestionably the philosopher best qualified to synthesize them. In a majestic modern transport the reader is carried from the teachings of Moses, "the first fundamental economist," to the gospel of economic justice as exemplified by Jesus. Let's turn off the television, close the door, and experience once more the joy of great reading. This book should be for Bible readers, a new light—for historians, a new continent—for students of economics, a revelation.