

T. L. writes:—"I cannot close without expressing my opinion that the ladies made the Bazaar a success. The lady convener, by her tact, amiability, and unobtrusiveness, was a host in herself."

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In sending a handsome pillow cover with the signatures of many prominent American Single Taxers sewn on, Miss Anna A. George, daughter of Henry George, writes:—"If it were a hundred times better, it would not be half what I would like it to be."

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Mr. Edwin Adam wrote:—"Your Bazaar catalogue I consider splendid, especially the illustrated summaries of the views from Adam Smith to the present."

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DUNDEE.—At a recent meeting of the Liberal Literary and Debating Society, Mr. P. Fleming, one of the originators of the Single Tax movement in Dundee, gave a paper on the land question. After discussion, Mr. Fleming was awarded a cordial vote of thanks.

In the Dundee Parliament the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. J. Coutts, has included in his Budget a proposal to impose a tax of 1s. 6d. in the £ on the economic value of all lands, including minerals, in the United Kingdom. One of the Unionist members, a lawyer, objected on the ground that this was playing into the hands of the capitalists!

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The Cobden Prize of £20 and silver medal for an Essay on the Taxation of Land Values was won at the Glasgow University this year by Stanley Horsfall Turner, M.A., Idle, Bradford.

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The separate report for Scotland by the Royal Commission on Local Taxation has just been issued. It contains nothing new on Land Value Taxation. As in the case of the report for England, a minority report, signed by Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord Blair Balfour, Sir Edward Hamilton, Sir George Murray, and Professor Stuart has been presented, advocating the Taxation of Land Values. A report by Judge O'Connor is also issued advocating that Land Values should bear all the cost of local government.

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As we go to press, we regret to have to record the death of Mr. William Robertson, Kirkcaldy, which took place at his residence, peacefully, on the 22nd April, aged 73. Mr. Robertson was a warm supporter of the Taxation of Land Values. As a member of the Kirkcaldy Town Council he brought the question before that body in the form of a resolution, which was carried.

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The Executive of the Scottish Single Tax League entertained the ladies who assisted at the Bazaar and their friends at an "At Home," on Monday evening, 14th April. Some 260 ladies and gentlemen were present. It was quite a brilliant gathering. Dancing, song, and conversation, along with the excellent purvey supplied by Mr. James Allan, 22 Great Hamilton Street, Glasgow, all contributed to a thoroughly enjoyable evening.

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"There was a famous traveller who went through France just before the great Revolution, Arthur Young. If you have not read his book, I recommend it to you. He goes through miles and leagues of land which should be bearing crops, but which, as it belonged to great princes and nobles, was not. At last he gets so exasperated that he bursts out in his journal and says—'Oh, if I were sole legislator of France for a single day, I would make these great landlords skip.' (Hear, hear.) And I must say, when we see statements like these . . . we feel inclined to echo the ejaculation, and say—'If we were sole legislator we would make these slum landlords skip.'" —Lord Rosebery at Glasgow, 10th March, 1902.

If you want to see how to *make* the slum and other landlords, including the princes and nobles, skip in our day, take a look into a book named "Progress and Poverty." By post, from Single Tax Office, 1s.

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During the past few weeks speakers of the League have addressed meetings at Glasgow, Newton, Pollokshaws, Ponfeigh, Springburn, and Stirling.

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The Glasgow Corporation are now engaged in promoting a Conference on the Taxation of Land Values of representatives from the leading municipalities and other rating bodies in Great Britain and Ireland, to consider how best to bring a general bill on the question before Parliament. The Conference will be held in London in due course.

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This is a piece of good "spade work," which we expect to see receiving the early commendation of the man who never said anything "publicly" against it!

BAZAAR PRIZE DRAWING.—WINNING NUMBERS—43,840, 56,454, 25,863, 1,598, 14,819, 15,289, 57,362, 4,113, 3,420, 8,828, 11,975, 23,372. The prizes have been won, with the exception of a Liverpool subscriber to the Single Tax, by people who had no direct connection, so far as we know, with the movement for the Taxation of Land Values. We congratulate them, and extend our sympathy to the unsuccessful.

LETTER FROM TOM L. JOHNSON.

IN a letter to the Secretary of the Scottish Single Tax, dated April 5th, the Mayor of Cleveland says:

"I often compare the movement for the single tax in Great Britain with what is going on here. In Ohio and Colorado we are making more headway than elsewhere, but we are not yet presenting the question so baldly and forcibly to our people as you are. This is due primarily to the fact that land values here bear a heavier charge than they do with you, and, therefore, the evil is not so great. Then, again, land values are not quite so much monopolised.

"I think our valuable franchise rights—which is land value in another form—has progressed beyond anything in Great Britain. That is to say, steam railroads, with their own privileges parcelled out to so many favourites in the way of unequal charges, telegraph companies, express companies, sleeping car companies, fast freight lines, etc., form relatively a larger percentage of our total monopoly value than in your case.

"We are hampered by constitutions that give to supreme courts, made up of retired railroad attorneys and other men trained on the monopoly side of questions, the opportunity to declare unconstitutional the measures intended for relief. In England your higher courts have no such power.

"The principal advantage that we have is the willingness to take hold of a new thought and a broader franchise to the voters. Your disfranchised class would, almost to a man, be in favour of taxation of land values.

"Weighing all these advantages and disadvantages, I cannot say who is leading in the race, but the interesting fact is that both sides are making progress.

"I congratulate you on the subject of the Bazaar, and was delighted to read the enclosures in your letter.

"If by any good fortune I should find myself a traveller this summer I intend to drop in on you if it is only for an hour, but have little hope of leaving the United States for some time to come. One political campaign here seems to crowd on the heels of the last, and we are hardly through speaking in the fall before we commence our preparations for the spring, having two distinctively political campaigns each year."