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—**The Earning Power of the Railroads.** 1911. Compiled and Edited by Floyd W. Mundy of James H. Oliphant & Co. Moody's Magazine Book Department, Sales Agent, 35 Nassau St., New York. Price, cloth, \$2.50; postage, 12 cents.

PAMPHLETS

Land Values in the British Commons.

Persons interested in the pros and cons of the question of land value taxation, will find interesting debates on the subject in volume 21, Nos. 7 and 8, of Parliamentary Debates, to be had for 3-pence each (plus postage) of Wyman and Sons, Fetter Lane, E. C., and 32 Abingdon st., S. W., London. The numbers are separate pamphlets, bearing date February 13 and 14, 1911, respectively. The debate on land value taxation extends from page 701 to page 819 in No. 7, and from page 894 to page 1006 in No. 8.

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The Fels Fund Report.

Messrs. Baker, Bucklin, Eggleston, Fels, Garvin, George, Johnson, Kiefer, Miller, Post, Ralston, Steffens, U'Ren, White and sixty others met last November in New York and talked over the past and future work of the Fels Fund Commission (vol. xiii, pp. 1110, 1113, 1145). The report of that conference is now being distributed by Mr. Kiefer (230 Walnut St., Cincinnati, O.), and whoever fails to read it, loses a breath of life—a breezy breath of energetic life. An appendix contains a statement of The Public Sustention Fund and of The Business of the Public for 1910, with a comparative table of circulation showing The Public's increase in 1910.

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School Gardens.

The Willard farm school, a large vegetable garden cultivated by public school children, was one of Cleveland's civic enterprises last year. The Board of Education furnished land and tools; the Home Gardening Association bore the expense of expert supervision. Fifty-six boy and girl volunteers from the sixth and seventh grades each cultivated a plot 20 by 40 feet, and did with the produce as he pleased. The results, described by Starr Cadwallader in the Eleventh Annual Report of the Home Gardening Association, are amazing—so many good vegetables, so much faithful work and proud enthusiasm,

and three times more children asking gardens for this summer.

A. L. G.

PERIODICALS

As to Bernard Shaw.

It is most refreshing to read an article so clear and straight-forward as that on Bernard Shaw in the March Forum. The writer, Temple Scott, tells in a plain and most interesting way the truth about Shaw as he sees it, and perhaps it is the way all will see it some day. Mr. Chesterton told an important fact about Shaw when he said that Shaw would not name as white the grapes which are pale green. "Why," asks Mr. Scott, "is Shaw unconventional and unorthodox? He is unconventional and unorthodox because he is a man of virtue, because existing conventions, institutions and dogmas no longer permit men and women to be virtuous." Shaw brushes aside the convention and proclaims the truth. He is intensely, almost painfully, dead-in-earnest.

J. H. D.

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A Spanish Radical Paper.

I have just received a copy of El Pueblo, dated January 25, a weekly radical paper published in Sevilla, Spain, containing a review, signed "William," of Mr. Antonio Albendin's address to the "Centro Republicano" of Instruction on January 12. The writer gives some light on the activities of Mr. Albendin along the line of reform work. From this and other sources I learn that he is a more or less regular contributor to The Public, The Single Tax Review, Land Values, and the Madrid Herald; that he translates into Spanish the works of Henry George, and is organizing a Spanish Single Tax league. I have a copy of his appeal to his countrymen to join this league, stating that in the march to knowledge Spain lags behind all other civilized countries of the world; and that while economic ignorance is universal, that nation presents its evils in the most exaggerated form. The dire poverty of the working class, the rapid disappearance of the middle class, the abandonment of the fields, the concentration of the people in the cities where they are forced to struggle and starve; opposed to this the opulence and barbarous splendor of those "who reap but do not sow;"—this condition foment class hatred and threatens bloody revolution. But Mr. Albendin points to "Progress and Poverty" as showing a way out of these troubles. He mentions the successful work of the English League for the taxation of land values, and implores his countrymen to form a like organization. Then follows an addendum giving quotations from "Social Problems," and extracts from the petition sent to the national House of Representatives by the single taxers of the United States, in 1892.

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Of course there are two sides to the question. Let us look at the other. We often hear "shopgirls" spoken of. No such persons exist. There are girls