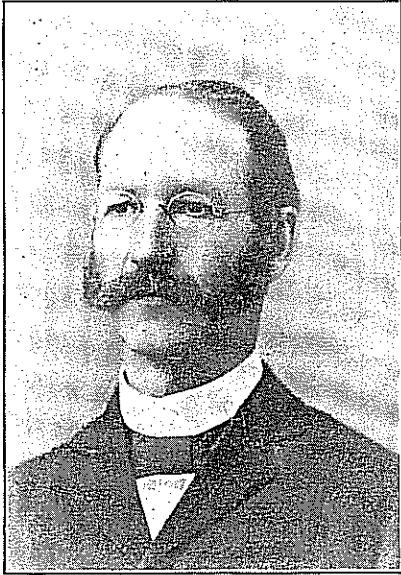


**Charles E. Garst.**

Rev. Charles Elias Garst, zealous missionary, ardent single taxer, and for many years the Japan correspondent of the "National Single Taxer," died at his home, No. 44 Tsukiji, Tokyo, December 28th, at 2.25 A. M., after three weeks' illness, the trouble being grip with pleurisy and pneumonia complications.

Mr. Garst was born in Dayton, Ohio,



REV. CHARLES E. GARST.

August 21, 1853. His father, Michael Garst, a physician, served as a surgeon in the War of the Rebellion, and still, at the age of eighty-five years is in vigorous health. His mother, Maria Morrison, was a woman of great force of character and profound religious life. She died the day her son Charles reached his majority, deeply mourned by her eight grown children.

Before Mr. Garst's birth his mother was subject to peculiarly profound spiritual emotion, and doubtless he inherited his deep spirituality from her.

As a youth he lived in Champaign, Ill., and Boone, Iowa. He attended the Agricultural College at Ames, Ia., spending his Saturdays in hard work, hauling manure and digging potatoes, and would walk home, some sixteen miles, to spend an occasional Sunday, carrying his laundry work on his back, thus working his way. He served in the 15th U. S. Infantry for over seven years, in New Mexico, Texas, Colorado and Dakota. He went on leave in 1881, and entered a theological school

in or near Indianapolis, intending to resign and go into the ministry. He afterward decided to return to his post, Fort Stanton, New Mexico, for a short time. There he was married, November 8, 1881, to Miss Tama DeLany.

He made some investments in cattle, hoping thereby to become a self-supporting missionary in Africa. However, early in 1883 he received a call, through the

Foreign Christian Missionary Society, to go to Japan, and sailed with his wife September 27, 1883. There he labored over four years, doing the hardest kind of pioneer missionary work.

With Japanese straw sandals on his feet and the word of God in suitable portions on his arm he traveled miles, lecturing before large audiences, often six hundred to one thousand people. He next labored three years in Yamagata Ken, also almost virgin soil.

After two years' furlough in the United States he returned to Tokyo. Before his furlough he became deeply interested in the works of Henry George through the Anti-Poverty column of the "Christian Commonwealth," a paper published in London. The abject poverty in Japan had been as a nightmare to him, and his soul was afire for some deliverance of the poor people from their suffering.

He became a diligent student of the single tax. His Bibles are marked throughout with texts which he considered bore more or less directly upon the subject. He came to feel that a physical salvation was as much God's plan as a spiritual, and in fact that our dual natures are so closely allied, that the latter was to a certain extent impossible without the former.

Readers of the "National Single Taxer" know much of his writings from this time; some unfinished work in English and Japanese will be speedily revised by Dr. Macklin, of China.

Mr. Garst's impression on the leading minds in Japan has been wonderful. The passing of a bill increasing the land tax shortly before his death, was mainly due to his herculean efforts for the past five years.