

terms of praise that will not seem extravagant. It is by far the best work on municipal problems of which we have any knowledge. Long before democracy has finally justified itself the student and the practical reformer must return to it again and again for knowledge and inspiration. Severely practical as are the various steps in the processes of its reasoning it is not without that fire of enthusiasm which directs the conscious application of the philosophy of those who have caught true glimpses of the Promised Land of democracy, and the splendid possibilities of its realization.

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* A STUDY OF WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON.

This little book is not a life of Garrison, though it relates the main incidents of his career, most of which are to be found in "The Story of His Life as Told by His Children." It is not as a biography that this little book appeals to the reader. It is with quite another aim that Mr. Crosby writes. Garrison, the Abolitionist, is famous the world over; but Garrison, one of the earliest apostles of the doctrine of non-resistance, is hardly known at all. It is with this side of his teaching, and incidentally with that phase of his character which illustrates such teaching, that this book is intended primarily to deal.

Even if we do not accept the doctrine of non-resistance it is well to understand it. Single Taxers generally, if we mistake not, do not accept it. But it is not a policy of cowardice. Indeed, it is a counsel of perfection which in many cases requires far more courage to adhere to than the meeting of force with force. It is true, too, that in many cases it is infinitely more effective. Garrison was a man of supreme courage—quite as courageous as John Brown or Owen Lovejoy, one of whom defied a State with arms, and the other of whom died fighting. It was by the merest chance that Garrison escaped the fate of these heroic souls; his policy rendered him no more immune. The gentility, intelligence, and culture of Boston would have lynched him quite as summarily as it would the others, had circumstances permitted, and on one occasion indeed nearly succeeded in doing so.

Mr. Crosby makes an eloquent—and shall we say "logical," which word Mr. Crosby does not altogether like—argument in defence of the doctrine of non-resistance. Certainly it is almost convincing; we are carried along with the gracious and highly reasoned argument until we are almost willing to agree with him, that "violence is played out," by which is meant that it has now lost

* Garrison, the Non-Resistant. By Ernest Crosby. Cloth. 16mo. 144 pp. Price 50 cents, net, with photogravure portrait of Garrison. The Public Publishing Company, Chicago, Ill.

its potency for good if it ever possessed any. The work is dedicated to William Lloyd Garrison, Jr., "a son worthy of his father," and himself one of our honored leaders in a work of wider emancipation.

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* CHRISTIAN SCIENCE AND THE SINGLE TAX.

This work, with its sub-title, "A Feeble Attempt to Unite Two Mighty Subjects," is written to show the identity of what to the author are the fundamental truths of Christian Science with those of the Single Tax philosophy. Doubtless the uniting of two severed truths may establish a medium which will act as a current for the more perfect communication of thought. We are not competent to judge if this has been successfully accomplished, but it appears to have been attempted with much serious thought and the book may be destined to do good among the followers of Mrs. Eddy. All great questions are at bottom moral and religious questions, and we do not doubt that a more than superficial likeness can be established between the Single Tax and what is true in the Christian Science philosophy. The author thinks—and she claims to have the evidence for so thinking—that this attempt at harmonizing these principles will be resented by many of Mrs. Eddy's disciples. But in view of the respectful appeal to the founder of the church, and the seriousness of the general treatment, it hardly seems reasonable that offence can be taken.

The Single Tax Primer which forms the appendix is in the main a very lucid elementary statement of our principles, though in strict accuracy a few of the definitions leave something to be desired. But for Mrs. Goldzier's purposes it may be that economic rigidity can be sacrificed to a slightly more loose but flexible construction for popular understanding. This is always more or less permissible if no positive misconceptions are conveyed.

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President Roosevelt has appointed Franklin K. Lane, of California, whose Single Tax sympathies are well known, to be Interstate Commerce Commissioner.

At the latest Glasgow municipal elections 20 out of 26 candidates were returned as favoring the rating of land values.

W. D. Lamb, of Plumas, Manitoba, has started a weekly paper.

*The At-One-Ment of Christian Science and the Single Tax. With Hints for a Single Tax Primer, Second Edition. Paper. Folio. 76 pp. Price, 60 cents by mail. Julia Goldzier, Bayonne, N. J.