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No cause is well served in these times by poorly printed literature. *LAND AND FREEDOM* will stand comparison in typographical content and substance, not only with reform papers, but with any publication of general circulation. We think our readers will endorse our choice of a higher price rather than an inferior paper.

During the war and the years succeeding, when prices of printing and material rose, we kept to the old rate of \$1.00 for yearly subscriptions in hope of increasing the circulation and in the anticipation that prices would fall. But prices did not fall.

Nor does it seem fair to the contributors to our Sustension Fund, which will still be necessary, that so large a deficit should be carried solely by them. For these reasons we have decided on this change. Such aid as contributors to our Sustension Fund make for the current year will go toward increasing the usefulness of the paper and extending its circulation in quarters where the message it carries is as yet unknown.

We do not think that Single Taxers generally will object to paying Two Dollars for nearly 200 pages of reading matter of special interest to them.

SINGLE TAX PUBLISHING CO.

THOMAS G. SHEARMAN, in his book on "Natural Taxation," makes the statement that "Ground rent is invariably sufficient to meet all the expenses of necessary government." And he continues: "But as government never exists where society does not exist, and as society offers many advantages in addition to the mere benefit of government, the privilege of living in society is worth much more than the mere cost of government."

BOOK REVIEWS

WHAT IS THE SINGLE TAX?

This is the title of one of the series of *Outlines of Social Philosophy*, each following a definite syllabus, projected by the Vanguard Press, of this city, neatly bound in cloth, consisting of 150 pages and published for fifty cents (plus 5 cents postage).

The author is Louis F. Post. The idea of the publishers has been to select a representative from each school of social reform on whom the greatest number of its adherents could agree. We think we can say without fear of contradiction that Mr. Post is the one to whom the largest number of the followers of Henry George would turn as the one most eminently qualified to put our doctrines into formal expression within the compass permitted in the plan and scope of the series.

The plan which will be followed in all the books of the series entails a criticism of other remedies and their futility from the viewpoint of the protagonist of each particular school, and this, of course, within the limits prescribed, has prevented a more elaborate and extended treatment of our principles and philosophy such as Mr. Post has furnished in his admirable *Social Service*. But he has succeeded in condensing in this little volume the principles for which we contend. Everywhere he has reinforced his own presentation with the words of Henry George himself. And while others might have chosen to state these principles, here and there, in somewhat different language, there can be no criticism of this clear and definite statement of what we stand for.

His criticism of other "remedies," Labor Unionism, Cooperative Societies, Protective Tariffs, Philosophic Anarchism and Socialism, is in unflinching good temper, but characterized none the less by the vigor and clarity of expression we knew so well in the Louis Post of old.

It will interest our readers to know that the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation assumed responsibility for all arrangements covering this book, and that it received the approval from manuscripts submitted in advance of publication of a number of organized groups having for their object the popularizing of Henry George's teachings.

A brief biographical sketch of the author by Edward N. Vallandigham adds an agreeable personal note to the volume.

—J. D. M.

PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

A new edition of "Progress and Poverty" (Abridged) comes from the Vanguard Press, 80 Fifth Avenue, New York City, neatly printed in large type and cloth bound. It is sold for fifty cents a copy. The work consisting of 214 pages is cut down to a little more than one third of the original.

On general principles we are opposed to abridgements of great masterpieces. But there is a special justification for this condensation that does not apply to works of other character. The work has been well and carefully done, and Mrs. Anna George de Mille, acknowledging her indebtedness to Louis Post and others, concludes her Preface with these words:

"It has been a most difficult task to make this short abridgement of a 568 page book, and students and lovers of the complete work will miss many of their favorite passages. Some slight changes have been necessary—changes in style, because this is a short condensation of a big book, changes in similes and words, because the book was written over forty years ago, but never has there been a change of the spirit or meaning of the author.

"For the benefit of those who seek here merely the Economics of Henry George,—'The Central Truth' and 'The Problem of Individual Life,' as taught in Book X and Conclusion, are printed as though an Addendum, in different type. But because this part is the soul of the work,—the flame that lights up the cold reason of economics—it has not been eliminated but (though somewhat abridged) is kept in this small volume. It is urged that the reader who has gone through Book IX will go further and read this message of Faith and Hope, not as a continuation but as a presentation on a higher plane. It is urged that he go further still and read the unabridged works of Henry George and there find, as many readers before him have found—a concrete and scientific foundation for belief in the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God."

Nothing vital has been omitted from this abridgement. We hope it will be widely circulated and we congratulate the Vanguard Press on its enterprise in placing it before the public at so small a cost to the reader.

This work is identical with the abridgement published in 1924 by Harcourt, Brace and Company, which edition was exhausted.

On the paper jacket of the book the publishers have printed this excellent statement of its contents:

"All men have an equal right to the use of the earth. In this book, Henry George seeks to restore to man this expropriated right. His remedy for the cure of the diseased social body is simple: *We must make land common property*. He establishes that the value of land is created by the growth of a community, and hence should belong to the community. He shows that the remedy could be enforced by the exist-