

yield their political principles. Their admission to all the privileges of American citizenship will be an honor to the Union; refusal to admit them would be a national disgrace.

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THE APPEAL OF THE PEERS.

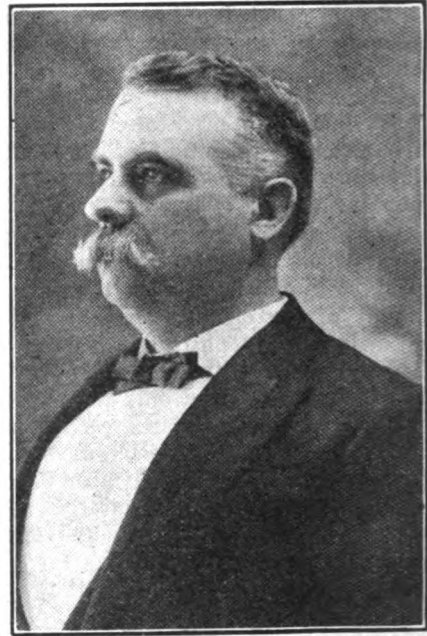
G. K. Chesterton in the *London Daily News* of January 15, 1910.*

Would you call upon the people; in what ear shall it be told?
 Call on God, whose name is pity, though our sins be very old.
 Will you call on street and township? Who but you have made the smoke
 Something heavier than a vapor, something sharper than a joke?
 Who but you have taxed the townsmen of their tired and ugly tilth,
 Who but you have made men forfeit for their right to live in filth?
 Will you call on croft and village? On what village will you call,
 That four centuries of your lordship has not left a tithe too small?
 Hamlets breaking, homesteads drifting, peasants tramping, towns erased;
 Lo! my Lords, we gave you England—and you gave us back a waste.
 Yea, a desert labeled England, where you know (and well you know)
 That the village Hampdens wither and the village idiots grow,
 That the pride of grass grows mighty and the hope of man grows small.
 Will you call on croft and village? Let the rabbits hear your call.
 Will you call on crest and scutcheon? We might heed you if we knew
 Even one gutter-thief whose thousands cannot cut his way to you—
 If there lived on earth one upstart from whose filthy face you shrink,
 We would hear, my Lords, more gravely, of the grace and scorn of rank.
 Now, if in your mob of merchants, usurers, idlers, cads, you keep
 One that did have Norman fathers; let your Norman fathers sleep.
 Let God's good grass blow above them where their pointed pennons blew,
 They were thieves and thugs and smiters; they were better men than you.
 Will you call on cross and altar? and in God's name where were you
 When the crashing walls of convents let the Tudor axes through?
 Tell us of your deeds, Crusaders! Waken Ariosto's muse!
 How you stood the Church's champions when the Church had land to lose—
 You, the Russells, with the ashes of a hundred altars shod,

You, the Howards, with your wallets bursting with the gold of God,
 Will you call on cross and altar—will you name the holy name?
 No, by heaven, you shall not name it. Smite your very mouths for shame.
 Would you call upon the people? Would you waken these things then?
 Call on God, whose name is pity; do not ask too much of men.

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SAMUEL C. ROGERS.*



An old-time Singletax leader of Buffalo passed on when Samuel C. Rogers died. Always the picture of health, few of his friends knew of any change until they heard he had gone. A contemporary of his in the Singletax movement in Buffalo, F. P. Jones, writes of Mr. Rogers as "a kind man, a faithful friend, a good citizen, whom Buffalo Singletaxers will miss, but with whom he has left the consolation of a pleasant memory of years of affectionate association." Mr. Rogers was a mechanic and inventor of superior ability. "He had a positive genius," writes Mr. Jones, "for solving difficult problems in machine movement, and could get more work out of less metal than most mechanical inventors. The work which some of his simple-looking machines will do is said to be marvelous. And he was not selfish about his abilities, but was always ready, and without reward, to devote time and thought in assisting others to solve difficult mechanical problems. A generous, open-hearted, open-minded man, he found his greatest enjoyment in producing results, whether

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in mechanics or in a cause. Mr. Rogers died at the age of 53. The funeral service over his body was conducted by the Rev. H. P. Morrell of Grace Universalist Church, at Buffalo.

BOOKS

THE SWAY OF COMMERCIALISM.

Democracy and the Overman. By Charles Zueblin. Published by B. W. Huebsch, New York. 1910. Price, \$1.00 net.

The mistakes of the American business man as seen in the nation over which he domineers, are set forth by Mr. Zueblin in eight brief and clever essays. Blundering and powerful, this wrong-headed "overman" in America begins and will continue to yield to the right-thinking but slow-acting mass of the people. Narrow, for all his energy, ascribing to the superiority of his Anglo-Saxon race the advantages which a fortunate geographical location has brought him, over-complacent in the teeth of stupid evils, a credulous reader of his own subsidized press, this typical American business man is now being compelled by his fellow citizens to learn the lessons of true democracy.

Among these lessons the author counts the initiative and referendum but apparently not the recall. In describing the working of the Des Moines charter he writes: "Unfortunately the charter is encumbered with a recall. . . . This ostensibly democratic device, justifiable under the old complicated charters, seems to be in danger of discouraging representatives accustomed to the previous freedom of such officials, who will feel sufficiently constrained for some time under the restrictions of the referendum and initiative."

The best essay in the book, perhaps, is "The Overdue Wages of the Overman's Wife." "The consequences of economic freedom," writes the author, "of which every man dreams, cannot be less for woman than for man. They would, in fact, be of mutual benefit. If man can be brought to see the undesirability of the power of man over woman, a power enjoyed by the possession of money, he may then labor to remove the power of money over man."

ANGELINE LOESCH GRAVES.

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THEOSOPHIC SPECULATIONS.

Thoughts on Things Psychic. By Walter Winston Kenilworth. R. F. Fenno & Co., New York. Price, \$1.00.

Another interesting volume from the author of "Psychic Control Through Self Knowledge."

Students along these lines will find much to awaken thought and arouse discussion on the vari-

ous themes pertaining to the occult philosophy which covers a multitude of varying opinions.

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BOOKS RECEIVED

—How to Make Home and City Beautiful. By H. D. Hemenway, Northampton, Mass, 1911.

—Uncle Walt [Walt Mason]: The Poet Philosopher. Published by George Mathew Adams, Chicago.

—Absolute Life on Trial. Published by The Absolute Press, 2608 Racine avenue, Chicago, 1911.

—The Horroboos. By Morrison I. Swift. Published by the Liberty Press, Boston, 1911. Price, \$1.00.

—A Life of Jesus for Boys and Girls. By Marianna S. Rawson. Published by The Biddle Press, 1010 Cherry street, Philadelphia, 1911. Price, \$1.00 net.

—World Organization. As Affected by the Nature of the Modern State. By David Jayne Hill. Published by the Columbia University Press, New York, 1911. Price, \$1.50 net.

—The New Politics. By Frank Buffington Vrooman. Published by the Oxford University Press, American Branch, 35 W. Thirty-second street, New York, 1911. Price, \$1.50.

—Forty-third Annual Insurance Report of the Insurance Superintendent of Illinois. By Fred W. Potter. Part I: Fire, Marine and Inland Insurance. Published at Springfield, Ill., 1911.

—Proportional Representation. A Study in Methods of Election. By John H. Humphreys. Published by Methuen & Co., 36 Essex street, W. C., London, 1911. Price, 5 shillings net.

—Half a Man. The Status of the Negro in New York. By Mary White Ovington. With a foreword by Dr. Franz Boas, of Columbia University. Published by Longmans, Green & Co., New York, London, Bombay and Calcutta. Price, \$1.00 net.

—The Minnesota Legislature of 1911. The writing of which was made difficult by the masks which men wore in half the crucial events of the session. "The voice was Jacob's voice, but the hands were the hands of Esau." By Lynn Haines. Published by Lynn Haines, 919 New York Life building, Minneapolis, Minn.

PAMPHLETS

Pamphlets Received.

Among the pamphlets recently received are the following:

Report of the Playground Commission of the City of Los Angeles, December, 1908, to July, 1910.

The Call of the Farm. By J. U. Shade. Published by the Author, Caldwell, Kansas. Price, 50 cents.

The Somers Unit System of Realty Valuation. Published by the Manufacturers' Appraisal Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Report upon the Price of Gas in Chicago for the Chi-