

lication department of "Land Values," which has offices at 13 Dunbar street, Glasgow, Scotland, and 71 North street, Keighley, England, and its principal office at 376 and 377 Strand, London. Through this agency there have recently appeared a number of special pamphlets of exceptional value and at a low price. Among them are John Orr's "Unemployment, Its Causes and Their Removal," (2 cents); W. R. Lester's "A Business Man's Question: How Permanently to Improve Demand for Goods," (2 cents); and "Land Valuation," the plea of urgency addressed to the British ministry by the United Committee for the Taxation of land values (4 cents).

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Causes of Indian Famine.

The Rev. Jabez T. Sunderland, whose fine article on the new nationalist movement in India appeared in the Atlantic Monthly for October, explains the causes of famine in India, in a pamphlet bearing that title, much more satisfactorily than this is usually done. He reasons away the common explanation of rain failure by showing that the agricultural possibilities of India with reference to water supply "are greater than those of almost any other country in the world." Scarcity of food is not the cause of famines either, for "there is never a time when India as a whole does not contain food enough for all her people." Even in her worst famine years she exported food. The theory of over-population fares no better. It is exposed as an absurdity.

The real cause of famines in India, writes Mr. Sunderland, "is the extreme poverty of the people—a poverty so severe that it keeps a majority of all on the very verge of suffering, even in years of plenty;" and this terrible poverty exists because the people of India are exploited by bad government.

PERIODICALS

Equity for January (Philadelphia) embodies in its record of direct legislation a model formula for a direct-legislation amendment for State constitutions. It also offers a summary of the principal requirements of the direct-legislation laws of Montana, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Maine, Missouri, and North Dakota.

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Edward W. Bemis, head of the Cleveland water department, furnishes a precise statement of the Cleveland traction situation to the Quarterly Journal of Economics (Harvard University), for November. In the same issue Prof. Carver makes some gratifying economic statements in reviewing Prof. Davenport's work on "Value and Distribution."

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