

## PAMPHLETS

### Pamphlets Received.

Message of George W. P. Hunt, Governor of Arizona, to the First Legislature of the State of Arizona, March 18, 1912. Printed by the Arizona State Press.

The New Columbia, or the Re-United States. By Patrick Quinn Tangent. Published by the New-Columbia Publishing Co., Findlay, O., 1909. Price, 50 cents.

The High Cost of Living: A Problem in Transportation—Relief to Consumers Through a System of Postal Express. Speech of David J. Lewis of Maryland in the House of Representatives, February 3, 1912.

A German City Worthy of Emulation: A Study of Frankfort-on-the-Main. By William Dudley Foulke. Reprint from "The American City" of an Address made before the American Civic Association at Washington, D. C., Dec. 13, 1911. Published by the American Civic Association, Union Trust Bldg, Washington, D. C.

## PERIODICALS

### For Farmers and M. P.'s.

"Land Values," always steadily and effectively at work, publishes with its April number (376 Strand, London, W. C.) two supplements: One contains extracts from the Commons debates on Mr. Wedgwood's Resolution for Local Option in Taxation and on Sir Griffith-Boscawen's Housing of the Working Classes bill. The other is "Rural News, Volume I, Number 1," to be used in the land values taxation campaign through the country districts of England, a pamphlet well planned for both farmer and campaigner.

A. L. G.

### For the Single Tax in Ontario.

Julian Sale contributes to the Canadian Courier of March 30th (Toronto), an article on "The Battle for Equitable Taxation." Concerning progress in Ontario he writes that petitions from a large number of individuals, from 217 municipalities and 198 labor unions, with the support of 170 newspapers, are urging the Government to pass a bill which shall give to municipalities "the power to tax improvements, incomes and business, at a lower rate than land values." "The Premier makes no secret of his personal antipathy to the proposed change." [See current volume, page 249.]

A. L. G.

### Land Reform in Germany.

The March-April Single Tax Review (150 Nassau St., New York) is a "Special Number for Germany" full of short articles on the different phases of their work by the best-known German land reformers, and illustrated with portraits. The translating is the work of Grace Isabel Colbron—well-known to readers of The Public—who herself contributes a most instructive survey of "The Land Reform Movement in Germany at the Present Day." "The test of a great Truth," writes Miss Colbron commenting on German methods, "lies herein, that it may be taught

and practiced in many different ways without sacrificing its fundamental qualities. . . . The Land Reformers, as the German Single Taxers style themselves, have had to make their fight along different lines from the methods used by the followers of Henry George in his own country. . . . The fight has been made in Germany largely through organization, —and through an organization, at that, which has kept itself rigorously aloof from all affiliation with party politics. . . . Events have proved the wisdom of the course, even if we here cannot always sympathize with its expression." For this number also, the editor, Joseph Dana Miller ably reviews Oberholtzer's important book, "The Referendum, Initiative and Recall in America," rightly finding that the author's conclusions against Direct Legislation lack the premise of true democracy.

A. L. G.

### Bodenreform.

One cannot read Bodenreform from month to month without realizing how, German-like, the campaign is being carried into the school system. The school masters' associations are being frequently addressed and are joining the Land Reform League. A special appeal made, is the gain to education from the added revenue. For example, Bodenreform of February 20 noted that "in the year 1910 alone, the revenue from the increment tax in Saxony was almost enough to pay for the proposed extensive school-reforms there," and that "this enormous sum will even be greatly increased when, instead of the present few, all the towns tax the land, as under the new Imperial Increment Tax they must."—There comes with Bodenreform of March 5 a leaflet, as interesting as it is unassuming, entitled, "What I Learned in Welfare Work." Frau Sophie Susmann tells concretely therein how, during her charity-organization hygiene work among the poor, she came to see the futility of preaching fresh air to basement dwellers, and how the housing problem loomed always larger and more gloomy before her, resisting all philanthropic attempts at solution, until finally, Land Reform showed her the way out. This simple, personal narration of an experience more common than confessed would find sympathetic readers among American social workers.

A. L. G.

### Budkavlen.

The last number of the Swedish Single Tax organ, Budkavlen (Stockholm), is an exceptionally fine one, laid out for propaganda. But then it is a Henry George number, too, which explains why the editor has surpassed himself. It contains three portraits of George, one of Mrs. George and a picture of the monument on George's grave. "Henry George, Some Views of His Life," by the editor, is a condensed and interesting account of George's life from childhood until his death. "Henry George's Reform Program" is an admirably chosen quotation from George's writings, explaining the practical and ethical value of the Singletax system. "What They Say About Henry George" is a symposium of opinions about the man and his work, from the pens of Ellen Key, Sven Brismann, George Brandes, Svend Hogsbro, Leo Tolstoy, Adolf Damaschke, Jan Stoffel, G. Bernard Shaw, Wil-