

ECONOMIC REFORM.

Our Economic Troubles and the Way Out. An answer to Socialism. By Wm. H. Berry, ex-State Treasurer of Pennsylvania, Chester, Pa.

Mr. Berry's book, while hardly effective as an answer to Socialism, makes a clear presentation of several important elementary principles of social life. These form a basis for the author's suggestions for abolishing monopoly in land, transportation and currency. By far the larger part of the book—the whole of which, however, is comprised in 147 pages—is devoted to currency monopoly. Land monopoly is disposed of by the Singletax, and transportation monopoly by government ownership and operation of monopolistic transportation facilities. Mr. Berry dissects and condemns the Aldrich central reserve plan of currency control, and offers in its place a plan of his own of which he says that it requires no new machinery, that it abolishes the public interest-bearing debt, and that it widens the basis for safe circulation of bank credits.



HINTS FROM WISCONSIN.

The Wisconsin Idea. By Charles McCarthy, Chief Wisconsin Legislative Reference Department. New York. The Macmillan Company. 1912. Price \$1.50 net.

Not one idea but many constitute the Wisconsin Idea, which is summed up in these words by Theodore Roosevelt in his Introduction to Mr. McCarthy's book: "Thanks to the movement for genuinely democratic popular government which Senator La Follette led to overwhelming victory in Wisconsin, that State has become literally a laboratory for wise experimental legislation aiming to secure the social and political betterment of the people as a whole." Not the least, however, of the many ideas in one which Mr. McCarthy here explains, is his own of the Legislative Reference Department. This department furnishes information, drafts legislative measures, and otherwise assists legislators to enact into efficiently workable shape the reforms they wish to legalize. To all reformers, the author gives this excellent advice, that "they can progress much further if they really build well as they proceed," and he touches bottom when he attributes the gross disparities of wealth in our day to "unequal conditions of contract."

PAMPHLETS

The Single Tax Messenger.

The Correspondence Committee of the Women's National Single Tax League has just sent out a leaflet in which is an alphabetical list of the names, officers and principal activities of local Singletax

organizations in the United States and Canada, printed with the object of bringing these organizations into closer touch. All such associations not herein listed are invited to communicate with the committee, of which Grace Isabel Colbron, 250 W. 78th street, New York, is chairman. "Later numbers," The Messenger announces, "will be devoted to local organizations in Europe."

A. L. G.



Pamphlets Received.

History Versus Histerics: An Open Letter to the Vigilantes and the I. W. W. By the Sage of La Jolla.

Memorial Relative to a Postal Express. By George P. Hampton. Presented in the United States Senate by Mr. Owen, April 12, 1912. Printed by the Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C.

The Rating of Land Values. The Case for Hastings, Harrogate, Glasgow. By R. L. Outhwaite. Published by the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, 376 Strand, London, W. C. 1912. Price, one penny.

Proceedings of the Fourteenth Annual Convention of the County Assessors of the State of Washington, in the City of Olympia, January 15-18, 1912, containing an address by W. H. Kaufman, Assessor of Whatcom county, entitled "Taxes That Bless and Taxes That Curse."



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"THE BROKEN LANCE," by H. Quick . . . 35c
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