

DEATH OF AUGUST LEWIS.

Quietly, as he had lived, died August Lewis of this city on March 1st. Friend of Henry George, and of the great truth he stood for, yet retiring, modest, almost shrinking, his personality was known to but few. Yet his advice was sought by many of the latter-day propagandists as it was sought in the old days by Henry George himself.

We are familiar with the dedication affixed to George's Science of Political Economy, and this dedication it is now pleasant to recall in thinking of the gentle personality who has followed the prophet to the world of shadows, if indeed to them it be not a world of light: "To August Lewis of New York and Tom L. Johnson of Cleveland, who of their own motion, and without suggestion or thought of mine, have helped me to the leisure needed to write it, I affectionately dedicate what in this sense is their work."

A letter received by the editor of the REVIEW from Mr. Lewis is dated February 22, and is couched in highly appreciative terms of the Special British Number. It thanks the editor for the opportunity of making the acquaintance of the nearly three score English and Scottish leaders represented, and says that this number will be valuable for future reference.

THE WORK OF EDUCATION AND THE FELS COMMISSION.

Mr. Daniel Kiefer, Chairman of the Fels Commission, takes us somewhat sharply to task for our statement as to the attitude of the Commission on the subject of propaganda in the last number of the REVIEW. Part of Mr. Kiefer's letter we quote:

"We do not hold that the time for propaganda everywhere is passed. Our position is that more can be accomplished by helping where the movement has progressed enough to bring the securing of concrete results within the range of possibility than to devote funds to a general propaganda.

"There are unquestionably many places

where propaganda is all that can be done just now, but there are others where much else can be done."

We have no disposition to misrepresent the Commission. We are pleased to know that there is at least such a modification of what was reported to be their attitude respecting the question of propaganda that they now concede that the need for it has not passed *everywhere*. Do they think that it has passed in Oregon and Missouri, the two states selected for the political campaigns of last Fall? Has it passed in Seattle, where two unsuccessful political campaigns have been waged?

Do we differ as to the meaning of the word propaganda? Then let us say "education," and try to conceive of a time this side the period when the Single Tax is firmly established in legislation when the need of education will have ceased. If there are concrete measures before a State or municipality then there is increasing need of education.

Here is the crux of the difference between the Commission and its critics. There are other differences, but this is the one that now concerns us. Such concrete results as are sought by every sincere friend of the Single Tax are the fruit of incessant propaganda. Nearly all of the victories achieved in legislation are the results of the speaking and writing of a "little red headed philosopher" who went up and down the globe preaching a new gospel.

The evolution of a reform, is this: A thought in the mind, then in another mind, then in many minds, then in the mind of a majority, or of an active intellectual minority appealing to the ethical hopes of the majority, then in the law which the majority enacts. There is no other way. In the absence of party organization there is then nothing for us to do but *educate* and patiently await results. Such movements as will arise for the attaining of definite results through specific measures will come spontaneously, though far from causelessly. We have pointed out that while the Fels Commission were waging a fight in Oregon for a questionable measure, something happened in the city of Everett where not a cent had been spent beyond a few dollars raised locally. The work done