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PUBLISHERS' NOTES.

If the subscriber who receives this **REVIEW** will look at the wrapper he will find stamped thereon the date of the expiration of his subscription. As arrangements have been completed for carrying on the **REVIEW** through 1903 our subscribers who are behind in their subscriptions are urged to add to their remittances, renewals to the autumn number of 1903, thus saving in a great many instances the expense of postage for notification.

We urge, too, the need of adding to the subscription list of the **REVIEW**, which is as yet insufficient to carry it without loss. The **REVIEW** is now the only exclusive organ of the progress of the movement, and it should be supported. The single tax agitation should, in our opinion, possess a weekly or monthly organ, but in the meantime the **REVIEW** should be loyally supported. Will not our subscribers try to obtain others? To clubs of ten we will send the **REVIEW** at seventy-five cents a year, and to clubs of twenty at fifty cents a year. Such subscriptions must, however, begin with this number, and should include only new subscribers.

If every single taxpayer who is now a subscriber will obtain one other the **REVIEW** can stand alone, and this will also enable us to continue the numbers now sent gratuitously to public libraries and elsewhere.

Opportunity is a weekly paper published at Denver, Colorado, and devoted to the municipal ownership of public utilities. It is full of Western fire and vim.

OUR ASSOCIATE.

With this number of the **REVIEW**, our associate, Mrs. Charlotte E. Hampton, ceases to be connected with it. This terminates, temporarily only, it is to be hoped—an activity of nearly twelve years in an editorial or semi-editorial capacity in single tax work. Few will be able to appreciate the devotion of this long term of service for justice given in hours that of necessity were taken from the more pleasant attractions of home life, and those social festivities which form so large a part of the life of woman.

Mrs. Hampton has done this work because she loved it, and we may therefore spare our commiseration. But to have done it because she loved it bespeaks no ordinary degree of devotion to the high ideals of justice. We regret to part editorial company, for our associate has been of great service to the **REVIEW** in many ways. There is hardly a single taxpayer from one end of the country to the other, whether active or otherwise, whom she does not know. Her twelve years of service have made for her hosts of friends, and her receptive sympathies have called forth many confidences from those she never saw, men and women who had in common with her perhaps only the social aims of justice. It is something to have done such work in the world, and to have inspired such friendships.

OBITUARY.

GEORGE DE LISLE ZIMMERMAN.

Public interests have suffered an unusual loss in the passing of George de Lisle Zimmerman, of East Orange, New Jersey, who died Dec. 16th, 1902. Gentle in nature, kind and generous in disposition, but strong and aggressive in championing the cause of justice, he commanded at once the love of those who knew him by personal contact, and the respect of those who but witnessed his activities. Purity of character, combined with mental ability, and exceptional familiarity with current politics fitted him to render valuable service in reform work.

While recognizing the importance of every question involving truth, justice or love, he never lost sight of the Single Tax Movement as paramount of all others from the view point of priority. When a candidate for election to the New Jersey Assembly in 1901, he stood on a bold platform which demanded Tax Reform, and did not hesitate to state the definite direction which his tax reform efforts would take in the event of his election. To the average politician, so vague and evasive when dealing with taxation problems, it was a great surprise to find that Mr. Zimmerman, of the eleven Essex County Assembly nominees, polled the highest vote. That he would fail of election was a foregone conclusion, as the Democratic ticket upon which his

name appeared, had scarcely a fighting chance. Mr. Zimmerman was acting Secretary of the New Jersey Tax Reform Association, a radical free trader, and a prominent member of the Orange Civics Club. His connection with several local papers had made his name a familiar one. He was 39 years old, and at time of his death a member of the architectural firm of Brower & Zimmerman.

REV. THOMAS McLOUGHLIN.

The death of Rev. Thos. McLoughlin removes from the field of single tax work another soldier of the cross. We leave to other hands an appreciation of his life and work. It will be found upon another page. It is from the pen of an old friend of the editor, a friend and neighbor of the priest of God who has gone to his reward. It is an intimate personal sketch, by one who knew and loved without being able to accept—because invisible to him—the luminous truth so clear to the brave old man.

PERSONALS.

Edward Quincy Morton, of Daphne, Alabama, editor of the *Standard*, has been ill, but is rapidly recovering. He is a sufferer from rheumatism, and in a recent number of his paper he humorously describes the thousand and one remedies recommended by his friends.

Willis J. Abbot is conducting the *Pilgrim* with pronounced success. It is one of the best family journals now published, and its editorials, unlike the colorless periodicals which rival but do not surpass it have a character full of the individuality of a man who not only does his own thinking, but is permitted to do it in a magazine which loses none of its interest by its refusal to be "all things to all men."

In the *Westminster Review* for January, 1903, will be found an article by Charles Frederick Adams, on "How Shall Capital and Labor be Reconciled." The *Westminster* is not what it was in the old days, when the two Mills were contributors, but such writers as Mr. Adams are able to uphold worthily the traditions of that sterling organ of progressive thought. By the way, Mr. Adams has begun to wonder of late if the socialists are not nearer to him in politics than the unspeakable "democracy." How many of us are in the same frame of mind?

Judson Grennell, of Detroit, one of the first to ally himself with the single tax movement, and for 18 years connected with the *Sunday News-Tribune*, of that city has accepted the position of editor of *Boyce's Weekly*, a publication that is to be started in Chicago to dis-

cuss economic questions. His newspaper friends gave him a banquet just before his departure.

James E. Scripps, publisher of the *Evening News*, and the *Detroit Tribune*, was elected state senator in Detroit in November. He was first nominated by the Republicans, and the Democrats put up no candidate against him. Mr. Scripps is a firm single taxer so far as state, county and city taxes are concerned. He has written a good deal of sound matter on the subject, and at one session of the legislature he spent his time and money at the state capital in urging the passage of a single tax bill, the bill that lacked only one vote of passing.

Ernest Crosby's new book, "Swords and Ploughshares," is filled with the same militant hatred of war, the same fine aspiration for high things, and the same strong, manly wholesome spirit that characterizes all he writes. There is much poetry in it, too, of a kind that marks a maturity of advance over his previous volume. The influence of Tolstoi is in evidence, but there is no servile imitation, for our author's mind is as vigorous and original as that of the master's. He treads new paths with the sure steps of a pioneer, conscious of his strength. Not Kipling himself—and this is the only point in which our finer spirit resembles the uncrowned laureate—is more unconventional, more strenuous, more a complete barbarian in his contempt for all the miscalled graces of civilization.

MR. WEEKS' CALL FOR INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION.

We desire to draw the attention of our readers to the call for independent political action printed on another page. We publish this without apologies. The *REVIEW* is the organ of the movement—not the organ of any party or faction. We concede the honesty of both the advocates of independent political action, and those opposed.

It seems to us that Mr. Weeks has presented the affirmative side of the question with much strength and felicity, and he raises points which those who disagree with him will find it difficult to answer. The question will press itself ever more and more for consideration by single taxers, as a whole, until some substantial agreement is reached. Undoubtedly, there is dissatisfaction with the progress of the movement in some directions, and distrust of the Democratic party—both of that faction represented by Cleveland and the so-called "radical" but superficial tendencies of "Bryanism." Certainly the single tax is too splendid a truth to be a tender to any political locomotive—to put it thus crudely. We must have indisputable proof that when and where we support the democracy, we obtain real concessions to our principles.