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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

To anyone sending us twenty-five new subscribers we will present the Anniversary Edition of the works of Henry George, in ten volumes, same as the Memorial Edition, which sold for \$25. Here is an opportunity for anyone possessing a large circle of Single Tax acquaintances and others interested in the movement.

Another offer we make is a year's subscription to the REVIEW and a copy of Henry George, Jr.'s new novel, "The Romance of John Bainbridge," the price of which is \$1.50, for \$2.00, all postage paid. Old subscribers to the REVIEW making renewals are at liberty to take advantage of this offer. See advertising page.

THE REVIEW FOR 1907.

We shall continue the REVIEW for 1907 if sufficient support can be assured us. This publication has won its place as the organ of the movement, and should be continued until something better can take its place. It is necessary to say that, financially, it has not succeeded—but this is true of all reform publications from the beginning, with the exception of the journals of the socialists, who understand so much better than we the value of organization and the widest circulation of their newspaper organs.

But the REVIEW is doing a good work. It is sent to public libraries and to numbers of newspapers and public men. It is an epitome of our progress, and the only record of our advance to which those in search of information as to its progress can

refer. It is a stimulating and inspiring record, and helps to keep Single Taxers in touch with one another. If we had anything like organization, and were not dissipating our energies and influence in political activities, mostly futile, we would wake to the necessity of aiding and extending the work of the REVIEW, *Land Values*, the Canadian *Single Taxer*, and the *Fairhope Courier*, each doing a work of usefulness in its own particular field.

There is not a prominent worker in the cause anywhere who will not speak a good word for the REVIEW. In addition to the commendations from men recognized as leaders of the movement, almost from the beginning, which are printed upon another page, others might be added. "You are making the REVIEW an indispensable publication to the friends of social justice," writes J. Warren Mills, of Denver, Colo. "Every one of our members highly praised the last quarterly," says Henry Priesmeyer, secretary of the St. Louis Single Tax League. "I am not of an enthusiastic turn of mind, nor have I generally time to say 'nice things,' but I do feel that I must take time to write and tell you that I consider your winter number tip-top and ahead of all its predecessors. May the REVIEW prosper," writes J. R. Firth, of Sydney, Aus.

These are but a few of the complimentary references to the work of the REVIEW. Many more could be added, and it is pleasant to know that the value of the organ is recognized. Letters of another sort have not been lacking, but most of the criticisms have been kindly meant, and in many cases the advice contained in them has been followed. It is the Single Taxers' organ, not ours. We have no personal opinions to inject, no vanity to gratify, no grievances to vent. Our only aim has been to keep the faith, to make a publication which all Single Taxers should recognize as their own peculiar property, and that should chronicle as faithfully as possible each successive step in our world-wide movement for social regeneration. If Single Taxers want such a publication, it is for them to say.

DEATH OF WELLESLEY BOURKE.

Wellesley Bourke, the leading Single Taxer of Jamaica, West Indies, has passed away at the age of 62. His occasional letters to the REVIEW have made his name known in the States, and he has loyally upheld the banner of our cause in the island, where for many years he was prominent in its public life. He was a lawyer, and had a high reputation in his profession. His activities included many labors for the advancement in Jamaica of Catholic church interests, to which he was a devoted adherent. Thirty years ago he married a daughter of the late president of Hayti. His widow and ten children survive him. Two of his daughters are residents of this coun-

try. The flags of the City Council of Kingston, the Merchants' Exchange, the Royal Mail Co., several of the consulates, and nearly every store, were at half-mast as a mark of respect to the dead, and the bell of Holy Trinity Church was tolled.

The *Daily Telegraph*, of Kingston, had this to say regarding Mr. Bourke's economic faith: "When a change in the system of direct taxation was necessary, Mr. Bourke advocated, in a series of interesting and forcible articles that were published in the columns of this journal, the imposition of a tax on land as land, or what was sometimes called the 'unimproved value.' He objected to the placing of a tax on industry, and the consequent encouragement of laziness. So he proposed (somewhat on the lines of the American economist, Henry George), that improvements should be made exempt from taxation, and that the revenue required by the government should be drawn from the land as land. Mr. Olivier, the then colonial secretary, did not agree with Mr. Bourke, and the total value of property was made the basis of taxation. But once more Mr. Bourke refused to be cast down by failure, and in the last conversation that the writer of this sketch had with him, he expressed his pleasure at the progress which the idea of taxing unimproved values was making in the island—alluding to a number of letters on the subject that recently appeared in the *Daily Telegraph*—and his profound belief in the ultimate triumph of that policy."

The last communication received by the REVIEW from Mr. Bourke was an expression of good wishes and a kindly endorsement of the conduct of the REVIEW. Every earnest effort to advance the cause of human rights found in this accomplished advocate a loyal friend and supporter. His death leaves a great gap in the ranks of those sons of the mother country who in British colonies have made the doctrines of Henry George influential.

DEATH OF R. B. HOLLINGSWORTH.

We regret to learn of the death of R. B. Hollingsworth, of Santa Anna, Texas, on July 8d. Mr. Hollingsworth was a devoted Single Taxer, was vice-president of the Texas Single Tax League, and president of the Texas Home Rule in Taxation Association. He was a large landholder, but his trumpery title to thousands of acres did not fetter his mind. "One of the best men it has been my privilege to know," writes A. Freeland, of Mt. Pleasant, Tenn., in a private letter to the REVIEW. Mr. Hollingsworth was born in 1842.

Mr. Henry George, Jr., started for Japan on Sept. 6th. The REVIEW will publish in its January number some of his impressions of that forward little country.

DEATH OF F. P. E. POTTER.

Frederick Peel Eldon Potter, editor and publisher of the *Cork County Eagle and Munster Advertiser*, one of the few prominent papers in Ireland that advocate the principles in which we believe, died Tuesday, Sept. 4th. Mr. Potter was 70 years of age, and one of the best known journalists in Ireland. The *Eagle* was founded by Mr. Potter fifty years ago.

Mr. Potter was a warm personal friend of Michael Davitt and Henry George, and was one of the vice-presidents of the Financial Reform Association, which has done much to popularize rational views on the subject of taxation. Though Mr. Potter entertained a warm personal admiration for Davitt, he never hesitated to express his dissent from Davitt's more recent policy of minimizing the importance of the land question. Mr. Potter was a Single Taxer to the end of the chapter. At his own expense he printed and circulated Archbishop Nulty's well known pastoral letter on the land question.

Mr. Potter was an occasional contributor to the REVIEW, and in a private letter received a few months before his death, he expressed his regret that the Irish agitation was not taking the direction that years before he had hoped for. He himself had never wavered. The *Eagle* seized upon every convenient occasion to point out how the land question was at the bottom of all social questions, and how its proper solution meant the curing of those industrial evils that afflict not Ireland only, but every country.

His last illness was a painful one, but he bore it with patience and fortitude. His funeral was attended by many of the notables of Cork county, and all the principal places of business in Skibbereen, where Mr. Potter had lived for many years, and where he had been one of the magistrates for Cork county, were closed in honor of the deceased. Papers in Ireland and England paid high and deserved tributes to the dead journalist.

A recent letter from Frank Vierth informs us that he is recovering some of his former health and vigor, and will actively resume his Single Tax work. He will probably resurrect *Why*. We are sure that our friends will rejoice in this decision. We have received from him copies of "The Shortest Road," which can be sold for 5 cents a copy, plus transportation. Also "The Land Question," 8 cents a copy, plus transportation. These are neatly printed in good readable type.

The Pittsburg *Leader* is printing letters from Single Taxers from far and near. C. B. Power, Eliza Stowe Twitchell, H. W. Noren, W. H. T. Wakefield, Wm. Riley Boyd, W. L. Ross, Geo. D. Liddell and many others have already had letters printed in its columns.