

ATLANTIDA, a widely circulated, profusely illustrated and ably conducted weekly published in Buenos Aires, contains in three recent issues which have reached us, vigorous editorials upon the Single Tax, as philosophy and fiscal system. They are signed by Constancio C. Vigil, one of the clearest, most consistent, sanest, as well as most popular writers on social questions in South America.

The remarkable Single Tax initiatives recorded from time to time in our references to the Argentine may be largely explained by the effective education of public opinion by such writers as Mr. Vigil. It would seem also to be true that the Latin-American mind is predisposed to perceive and discuss the fiscal and economic laws underlying such phenomena as low wages, lack of work, high rents, over-production, low prices, bad trade, hard times, etc.

“From the point of view of the laborer, the manufacturer, the merchant and the professional man, writes Mr. Vigil, the Single Tax offers the advantages of liberty, under a natural and just order. It says to man:

You shall work according to your own liking; no one shall despoil you, by legal trickery, of the fruit of your labor; no one shall profit by spying upon and reporting your doings; you shall get what you need where it suits you best; you shall not be denied access to the soil; the source of your sustenance, your wages, your hours of labor, your whole manner of living, are left to your own judgment. You have restored to you the right to live on this planet, the right to breathe its atmosphere, and take your share of the sunlight and natural riches where it may please you.

In this manner, there will be no misery and degradation arising from economic iniquities. In this manner, there will be no lack of work and no involuntary poverty. In this manner, there will be no need of charity, except that of God, which is Justice.

Such is the “Equality” proclaimed in hymns and in the codes, but only definitely assured by the Single Tax.