

determined to keep their creed for the tabernacle. They would die for their religion, but they would not vote for it. Being a religion, it must be treated as one. "Believe and be saved." But in this case, more than in others, belief without works is dead.

We had hoped to put the Single Tax in politics through the Democratic Party. We were told that the Democratic Party was coming our way, that if we elected a sufficient number of Single Taxers to office from that party, the Single Tax would soon be a political issue. For nearly three decades we shared this delusion, believing it sincerely.

Now we see that the theory has broken down. There is no longer room for argument. Circumstances are irresistibly convincing. The theory, dissolved in the light of events, as most of us must sadly and poignantly realize at this time, leaves us with one alternative, which is to cease trying to convince the Democratic Party, cease trying to elect Democrats to office, cease trying to elect Single Taxers to office in the Democratic Party, and vote for the thing we want.

A word in conclusion. Opponents of political party action by Single Taxers, ignoring that the Single Tax is something to be voted for and not something to serve us as a religion of the closet, are fond of quoting Henry George to this effect: "I do not care how men vote—I do care how they think." Did he say this? He did. But he added (and this part of his sentence is significantly omitted) "For those who think right will vote right," So he did care how men voted.

## The Farmers' Movement for The Single Tax

THE *Christian Science Monitor*, of April 22, contains an interesting account of the movement now beginning among the farmers to induce Congress to provide means for the taxation of land values and the relieving of improvements. The movement is rapidly attaining significant proportions, and among those active in the work are William Bouck, master of the Washington State Grange; F. F. Ingram, of Michigan; L. S. Herron, editor of the *Nebraska Union Farmer*, John W. Canada, editor of the *Southern Farmer*, Lyman Perley, of Nebraska; Col. Richard Dalton, of Missouri, and many others.

A Farmers National Single Tax League has been formed with these men, all of whom are farmers, in control. The *Monitor* quotes Carl Brannin, who is executive secretary of the League and favorably known to readers of the REVIEW by reason of his work in Missouri, to the effect that inflated prices for land and land speculation threaten the industry of agriculture, and that the American farmer is waking up to the fact. In proof of this Mr. Brannin points out that representatives of 750,000 farmers speaking in the name of the Farmers National Council which met in Washington, urged the placing before Congress of a programme demanding that the cost of the war be met in part by "taxes that will force into use the unused lands and other resources speculatively held."

Mr. Brannin is also quoted in the *Monitor* as pointing out that the Washington State Grange has in convention after convention endorsed the Single Tax.

To the *Monitor's* admirable account of this movement among the farmers now gathering increasing headway may be added the significant fact pointed out in a recent number of the *Farmers' Open Forum*, organ of the Farmer National Council, that the increased vote for the Single Tax in Missouri in 1918 over the vote of 1912 came from the distinctively rural counties.

## The Single Tax Five Year Book

THIS work since the signing of the armistice has made greater headway in Great Britain and Australia. Orders from British public libraries, among which are the National Library of Wales, are coming in. From Sydney, Australia, Mr. Walsh writes us that the book is being used by parliamentarians and has created new interest in the subject.

In the United States the number of public libraries having the work on their reference shelves have passed the 500 mark, which is a record for a work on Single Tax if we except the writings of Henry George.

Our readers can do a real service to the cause by getting their local public libraries and school and college libraries to order the work or presenting it to them where library funds are restricted.

## Santa Catalina Adopts Single Tax

AS we go to press a message comes from South America apprising us of adoption of the Single Tax in Santa Catalina. This important State in Southern Brazil has thus adopted the fiscal policy of its immediate neighbor, the State of Rio Grande do Sul, which for a number of years has had the Single Tax in its constitution.

WE NOTE with pleasure that the Zionist Organization of America has ordered for circulation an edition of "The Economic Basis of the new Jewish State," an article by Mr. M. W. Norwalk, which appeared in the February issue of the *Jewish Forum*. As our readers know, Mr. Norwalk is a Single Taxer. His article is a strong appeal for fidelity to Israel's economic traditions in the organization of the new Jewish State in Palestine. It may truly be said that the Jewish people are again on trial, this time before the tribunal of their own high traditions. Their fate before history lies in their own hands. Have they leaders of clear vision and strong unselfish purpose?

A REMARKABLE editorial in the Dayton (Ohio) *Sunday News* of May 4, concludes as follows: "Landlords never have devoted any attention to history, never have considered it worth studying, never have been willing to accept its teachings. The collapse of Rome, the overthrow of feudalism, the revolts against the English barons, the beheading of the landlords by the French revolutionists, meant nothing to Landlordism in Russia or Germany. Is it impossible for Landlordism to learn while it still may have a chance to save its neck?"