

JAPANESE INTEREST IN THE SINGLE TAX.

Some time in November a copy of *Progress and Poverty* and the *Life of Henry George*, by Henry George, Jr., were presented to Baron Kaneko, and through the Baron to the Emperor. The Emperor acknowledged receipt of these through his Minister of the Imperial Household, Viscount Mitsuaki Tanaka, to Baron Kaneko's associate, Mr. Junichiro Suzuki.

Early in December a dinner was given at the Nippon Club, representative of the best Japanese thought in America, 86th Street, Central Park West. This dinner was tendered by Dr. Shigimichi Suzuki, the Surgeon General of the Japanese Navy, who stood with Admiral Togo on the bridge of the Admiral's flagship at the battle of the Japan sea. Present at this dinner were a number of distinguished notables, Dr. Jokichi Takamine and Mrs. Takamine, Dr. Miles (brother of Gen. Miles), and Mrs. Miles, Dr. Lewis Seaman, Dr. Emil Mayer and Mrs. Mayer, Dr. Max Einhorn, Dr. Hammond, Surgeon General U. S. Navy, Dr. Arthur Jarrett and Mrs. Jarrett, Mr. Kenzo Iwahara, a well known Japanese merchant, and Mr. and Mrs. Henry George, Jr.

Dr. Suzuki gave this dinner on his departure for Japan. He will return with Admiral Togo when the latter visits this country some time within the year. But the significant feature of this dinner was the speech of General Suzuki in which, after thanking his guests for their presence and expressing his gratitude to the American people for the courtesies he had received, which he did with the true Japanese delicacy, he said that it would be his purpose on his return to acquaint his people with what experience he had gathered. He spoke of the great contrasts he had observed of wealth and poverty in this country, and then he said that within the past few days he had had presented to him two books. One of these was a novel which he had not yet read. The other was a book which had interested him greatly. That book was "The Menace of Privilege," the author of which was present. He then launched into a discussion of the problems presented there, speaking of it in the highest terms. These problems were among the things he would report upon to his people on his return to his native land and he would acquaint the Marquis Ito with the message of the book.

This is a significant indication of how the world is waking to the importance of the solution of the great industrial problem, and how alive to its importance are the eager minds and consciences of the more intellectual among these "Yankees of the Orient." Ere a year has rolled by it may be possible to report great things of Japan.

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CHAS. FREDERICK ADAMS, BOROUGH SECRETARY OF BROOKLYN.

President Coler, of the Brooklyn Borough, has appointed Charles Frederick Adams as his secretary, and this appointment has called forth words of generous congratulations from Comptroller Metz, Edward M. Shepard and the *Brooklyn Eagle*.

Other Single Taxers appointed to office in Brooklyn where the Hearst forces swept the field are the following: To be Deputy Register, Gustave W. Thompson; Chief Clerk of Records, Edwin Hammond; Mortgage Tax Cashier, William Ladd; Assistant Deputy Register, Thos. P. Ryan and Assistant Deputy County Clerk, J. P. Kohler; Chief Clerk Coroner's office, Joseph McGuinness; Deputy Commissioner Public Works, D. B. Van Vleck.

The success of the Monroe Lecture Bureau has suggested many imitations. The Speakers' Exchange of Buffalo, organized under C. D. Blackhall, is the latest. Its purpose is stated to be "a desire to stimulate the interest of the people in their political and civic rights and duties." A half dozen speakers are now on the list to fill engagements. Mr. Blackhall's address is 105 Seneca Street, Buffalo.

TWO FIRES IN FAIRHOPE.

Fairhope has been the scene within the last quarter of two disastrous fires, one of which destroyed the steamer Fairhope. The origin of the fire is a mystery. There was no insurance. The second fire destroyed a two story building and a large store of general merchandise, on which there was no insurance.

"It is not necessary to be a full blooded disciple of Henry George to believe in the doctrine that land values, as they are created by the population, should flow, not into the pockets of the landowner, but into the local exchequer."—*London Speaker*.

A Single Tax book of 80 pages, a dialogue in Spanish, has just been published in Uruguay. It is said that the author's grasp of the fundamental principles of our cause leaves nothing to be desired.

Brother Caldwell of Amarillo, Tex., has printed and circularized over two thousand copies of a little paper, *The Caldwell Imprint*, a semi-occasional trade paper, the entire contents of which are written by the editor with the view to popularizing the truths of our philosophy.

J. W. Bengough, the well-known caricaturist and a frequent contributor to the *REVIEW*, lectured last November in Schenectady, N. Y., and the *Gazette* spoke of the address as a "Brilliant Single Tax Talk." A recent number of the *Public* contains a long sketch of Mr. Bengough.