

THE REMARKABLE FATE OF A  
LAND REFORM BOOK IN RUSSIA

(FROM DEUTSCHE VOLKS-STIMME, BERLIN,  
GERMANY.)

In the year 1903 appeared the well known book by Henry George against Spencer, "The Perplexed Philosopher," in the Russian translation published in Moscow by Gorbunow-Possadow. He of course had asked permission from the Censorship, which was granted without objection. The book found a quick sale and in 1904 a second edition became necessary. Again the Censorship was asked and again it was granted.

Then came the great upheaval in Russia which abolished the Censorship and established the freedom of the press. A third edition of the book became necessary and now the publisher produced an unchanged reprint of the second edition. But under the reign of press freedom, the book was attacked, and the publisher indicted. The court of Moscow, of course set him free; but the States' attorney appealed to the Senate, and the Senate nullified the judgment and ordered a new trial. Granted twice its freedom by the Censorship under the old regime of absolutism, this book will have to appear once more in this age of freedom before the court.

A remarkable phenomenon, which, finding if not its justification, yet perhaps its psychological explanation in the rapid growth of the circle of land reformers in Russia.

We have received from Vincent Parke and Company, of this city, the prospectus of a series of books on the Culture of the Classics. One of the editors is Dr. Marion Mills Miller, whom many of our readers will know as an old Single Taxer. Among the editors are Andrew Lang and J. P. Mahaffy. The poems and fragments of Sapho are translated by Dr. Miller, John Addington Symonds, and others.

It is an inspiring summary, character-

ized by the thoroughness of our British comrades, that is put forth in the Third Annual Report of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values.

The first essential of Single Tax activity is that the workers should be in touch with one another. The REVIEW does this important work.

THE AWAKENING.

(For the Review.)

I

Parchment kings deny their serfs the  
right to labor,

While the children cry for bread;  
And the victim of the blacklist of the  
barons,

Has no place to lay his head.  
City lands are held from use by speculators,  
While the poor are robbed for rent,  
And the rentlord overcrowds the frousome  
hovel,

To increase his cent per cent.

II

There's a paper fence of fraud around the  
prairie,

Round the forest, field, and mine;  
Land is held from man by forces arbitrary,  
Yet 'tis his by right divine.

The goad of want the child enslaves in  
mart and factory,

Where it barter's blood for bread;  
And the squalor of the attic and the alley,  
Stifle growth of heart and head.

III

Cruel Dives! long you've robbed us, but  
no longer

We'll accept the crumbs that fall;  
Nor the hovel in the alley while our labor  
Builds the mansion and the hall:  
What we make by labor 's ours, and we'll  
have it;

It is God's eternal plan,  
That the toilers reap the harvest of their  
sowing,

For the earth He made for man.

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