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### THE REVIEW FOR 1907.

A Single Taxer, it used to be said, is one who does something for the Single Tax. To vary this slightly, "A Single Taxer is one who does something for the Single Tax REVIEW." And why not? There are several forms of important propaganda to which believers in our principles are generous contributors. But there are few or none which proportioned to cost are doing so much as this periodical. It has won its place, and its work and influence are recognized everywhere. That the financial help accorded it is so meagre is, in view of what it has done and is doing, quite inexplicable. Those once active and enthusiastic in the cause have been solicited in vain to place their names upon the subscription list, or do their share toward extending its circulation and helping its work. We had hoped to double the size of the REVIEW, making it 128 pages in place of the 64 that it now contains. This would have given it a place beside the great British Quarterlies, each one of which is the organ of some phase of British politics or religious thought in the United Kingdom. This is the goal we have always set for the REVIEW. There are able writers in plenty who would aid us in filling that number of pages, because we are of the same opinion as Hon. Joseph Leggett, who in a private communication just received writes: "The Single Tax movement possesses the richest literature of any movement in the history of the world. The last number of your REVIEW has I think more valuable matter than any other publication of a similar character ever printed in the same space."

Nor is this conviction as to the value of the work the REVIEW is doing confined to

any section or country. Lewis H. Berens, one of the joint authors of "The Story of my Dictatorship," whose work on the Digger Movement is reviewed on another page, and who contributes the leading article to this issue, reviewing the Autumn number of the REVIEW in *Land Values* of Glasgow, Scotland, says; "It certainly is a bright, vigorous, fighting number, and we only wish we could afford to buy a thousand copies and post them to as many active politicians in this country." Says Hon. Joseph Leggett in the *San Francisco Star*: "There is nothing slovenly or trahy between its pages. It is a credit to its editor and the cause it advocates."

We print these commendations here in no spirit of self-praise, but that those who have extended no helping hand in this work may see that in spite of their failure to lend the encouragement that might justly be looked for, the work has gone on, and will be continued in the same spirit in which it was begun. There is no movement so important in the world to-day as that which dates its beginnings from the publication of "Progress and Poverty." No political movement, which seems temporarily to convulse the nation, and excites the hysteria of so many, ought to tempt Single Taxers to stray from the path blazed by the great leader who fell a martyr to the cause in one of the most dramatic moments of American political history. Their own elevation to place or power on the waves of our changing political seas is of but little consequence compared with their own steadfastness to the great principle to which they profess allegiance.

One of the most useful methods of propaganda to which the REVIEW is put is in sending the organ to public libraries. That the REVIEW, because of its character as the best general medium of information concerning the progress of our cause, is appreciated and is in demand by librarians is proved by the many requests for back numbers to complete files. The Library of Congress writes us under date of December 10th. to secure Vol. I complete Vol. 2, Nos. 2 to 4. and Vol. 3, all numbers to date. These numbers cannot be supplied from this office, so if our readers have numbers of these issues to spare, they will confer a favor on the library by communicating with O. B. Guittard, chief of Periodical Division of the Library of Congress. From the Public Library of the District of Columbia last month comes a request that the REVIEW be sent them for the coming year. From the library of the Princeton University comes a request for number two of the present volume to complete its files. From the Library Commission of Wisconsin comes a similar request for the REVIEW in exchange for copies of the taxation bulletins—containing useful information as to the tax laws of different states which the

Legislative Reference Department of the Library Commission publishes from time to time. Many other illustrations could be cited of the value which is attached to the REVIEW by library authorities.

The REVIEW will be continued through 1907. But we must have help. Every Single Taxer who is already a subscriber ought to secure at least one additional subscriber. To any one who sends us two new subscribers will be sent a copy of the one dollar edition of Progress and Poverty to any address, post paid. Ten new subscriptions will be sent for five dollars.

Let our readers remember, too, that we are always in need of news. Anything illustrative of progress, facts bearing on the movement, significant editorial utterances, sermons that bear on the subject or show advance along our lines, tax illustrations—in fact anything that is of interest to the readers of the REVIEW. Let our readers give us during the coming year all the help they can. Without them we can do nothing; with them we can move mountains—those mountains forever in the way of those who would accomplish the removal of injustice, and which are three in number, Prejudice, Ignorance, Apathy.

#### DEATH OF JOHN GIBNEY.

Not widely known to Single Taxers the late John Gibney, who died at Ossining, N. Y., early in October last, was yet an earnest friend of the cause. Born in 1842, nearly all his life had been spent in the town where he died. He was a public spirited citizen, having been for many years a prominent lawyer and Justice of the Peace. For one term he was a member of the Assembly.

He was a Civil War veteran, and suffered from the effects of his incarceration in Libby Prison, where he was confined after his capture at the battle of Gaines Mills. He was present at the battle of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, the Seven Days' Battle, Second Bull Run, Antietam and the Wilderness.

#### DEATH OF ERNEST HOWARD CROSBY.

Ernest Crosby is dead! This news will come as a terrible shock to the many who have learned to love and admire the splendid character and sincere devotion to principle of one who has so long been a prominent figure in the movement. Single Taxer, friend of Tolstoy, poet, story writer—one at least, "Captain Jinks," a satire on militarism, is to be credited to his facile pen—vegetarian, and one of the most forcible advocates of the peace movement—the world is indeed a loser in much that was making

for its progress toward a finer tenderness, a fuller justice, and a humanity redeemed from the sins that are in so large a degree the consequence of unequal economic opportunity.

Few men in our time contributed in so great a measure to civic righteousness. Few have lent to the economic and humanitarian reform movements a finer literary talent or a more lovable personality. With a poetic imagination of a high though not of the highest order, with a quality of humor that preserved and sweetened his moral discourse, he had already accomplished a work the influence and value of which have by no means died with him.

Mr. Crosby's death on Jan. 3rd of acute pneumonia occurred in a private sanitarium in Baltimore, to which he had been removed only two days before. Now is not the time to review his life and work, since this must be done at greater length than is here possible. An appropriate and adequate treatment of his great services to the Single Tax cause and his varied literary achievements will appear in the coming number. It must suffice us now to pay this brief tribute to our dead comrade and distinguished leader, called away at the very zenith of his great intellectual powers.

#### DEATH OF MISS EVA J. TURNER.

The Single Tax cause suffered an irreparable loss on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, when Miss Eva J. Turner passed from this life at her home in Brooklyn, N. Y. Miss Turner was born in Watertown, N. Y., and was a daughter of the late Alonzo and Betsy S. Turner, and a niece of Alanson P. Sigorney, well known in educational circles throughout the state, and a boyhood friend of former Gov. Roswell P. Flower.

Miss Turner was one of the charter members of the Brooklyn Woman's Single Tax Club, organized in 1890, and for seven years served the club as its president, and was such a faithful, earnest worker that the members thought no one else could fill the position, and it was only when she absolutely refused to serve again that they were willing to make a change. Until two years ago she always held some office in the club and her practicability and honesty of purpose made her counsel always valuable. Last spring she was elected Corresponding Secretary of the Woman's National Single Tax League. Miss Turner was also a charter member of the First Church of Christ Scientists of Brooklyn, to which she belonged sixteen years. She was president of the Sunday School and a member of the Mother Church in Boston. She was beloved by all and was one of the church's most successful workers.

Prior to her identification with the Christian Science Church she was an earnest worker in Plymouth Church and a member