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Is Hyndman Afraid?

Mr. H. M. Hyndman when speaking at Bradford some time ago, offered to meet in debate any opponent of social democracy in the country. Mr. Fred Skirrow, ever alert on Single Tax' opportunities, wrote to the S.D.F. offering Mr. Richard M'Ohee, M.P. Mr. Hyndman has replied, stating that—

"Nothing will induce me to waste my time in debating with a third-rate or fourth rate Parliamentary hack of the Capitalist Liberal Party. Mr. McGhee has never said, done, or written a single thing which entitles him to my attention. If Michael Pavitt thinks fit to have a friendly tussle with me, or Henry George is not satisfied with his last fall, I am ready to meet either of them."

Though Mr. Hyndman is a writer on the "Dismal Science," he should reflect that he is only one of the fifth-rate order; and he is a little off. Mr. McGhee is well known as an able Single Taxer and a talented debater, has worked hard—as hard as Mr. Hyndman—in the cause of Reform, and certainly, if Mr. Hyndman wants his excessive conceit and bumptiousness measured, Mr. McGhee is the man to do it, and at the same time give him some instruction on how to solve the social problem.