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PUBLISHER'S NOTES.

There are still a number of our subscribers who have not renewed. This is a notification that we should be pleased to hear from them. We wish our friends would see that every Single Taxer in his or her locality is a subscriber to the REVIEW. A little personal urging will be all that is required.

To those who will give this matter some personal attention we will be pleased to send lists of Single Taxers in their vicinity who are not yet subscribers to the REVIEW.

The Astor Library is in want of No. 1., Vol. 8, of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW.

The *Industrial Alcohol News* is the title of a four page monthly paper edited by George P. Hampton, formerly editor of the *National Single Taxer*. The paper is the organ of the Farmers' National Committee on Industrial Alcohol.

The Little Land League, with Bolton Hall as Treasurer, and a general committee among whose members are such well known names as J. Pierpont Morgan, Booker T. Washington, Seth Low, Poultney Bigelow, R. Fulton Cutting, Spencer Trask, and others, has been organized "for the promotion of living on and from the little land." Its purposes are further

outlined in the literature that may be obtained by addressing Mr. Bolton Hall, Treasurer, at 56 Pine Street, N. Y. City.

Though the British budget presented in the House of Commons by Lloyd George, Chancellor of the Exchequer, contains some provisions which we could wish were not there, it marks a beginning. On the whole, the government has kept its promises. Land is to be subject to "new and peculiar burdens," as our friends of the opposition are fond of saying. And perhaps the most amusing thing about it all is not the opinion of the voters of the United Kingdom, but the concern of American newspaper editors and correspondents that certain British vested interests will suffer!

A newspaper sociologist in the New York *Sun* says that at least nine-tenths of those present in the Bread Line, waiting for their dole of charity, are brought there by whiskey.

Now as this Bread Line is always vastly increased in times of panic or industrial depression, the query rises; Do the poor drink more whiskey when times are bad?

For many years past if wages were low or employment uncertain people said, Business is bad, or trade conditions are unsettled. And this was all the explanation given or asked for. Business was bad—because business was bad. It is only now that everywhere men are asking the reason.

DEATH OF MAX HIRSCH.

In Eastern Siberia, in sea-walled Vladivostock, on March 4th, died Max Hirsch, known to the disciples of Henry George from one end of the world to the other as writer and publicist. His death will occasion universal regret wherever our teachings, which he did so much to popularize, number their adherents.

Mr. Hirsch was born in 1852 at Cologne, and was educated at the gymnasium of that city and at the University of Berlin. A biographical notice in one of the Austra-

lian papers informs us that at the age of 19 he was sent with a credit of \$50,000 to Khiva for the purpose of securing from the Turcomans carpets of great historic interest. He was arrested as a spy by the Russian authorities, but finally returned to England with carpets on which he realized a large sum. Some of these dated back to the thirteenth and fourteenth centuries. One of them is now in Windsor castle.

Mr. Hirsch's attention was first called to the problem of taxation when he was engaged in the coffee raising business in Ceylon. A heavy rice tax was driving the natives off the land, and reducing numbers to starvation. He wrote several pamphlets on the subject, finally succeeding with the aid of the Cobden Club—which at that time was a virile organization—in securing the abolition of this tax by the House of Commons.

Mr. Hirsch's publications have been numerous, but his chief work is *Democracy Versus Socialism*, which is probably the most searching analysis of the doctrines of socialism ever written. Needless to say, it is written from the Single Tax point of view.

It was probably not until 1890 that Mr. Hirsch became convinced of the soundness of our philosophy. In 1892 he gave up active participation in business to devote his time to the propaganda of the Single Tax gospel. He was president of the Victoria Single Tax League, and for a number of years was the leading spirit in that colony among those who are working for industrial emancipation in the only way it can be secured.

At a meeting of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values held on 15th March, in London, it was resolved:

(1) "That this Committee places on record the profound regret occasioned by the death of Mr. Max Hirsch, who, as leader of the Land Value Taxation movement in Australia, as an economist of international reputation, and by a self-sacrificing life of high endeavor, did so much to advance the cause of justice and human welfare.

(2) "That this resolution be forwarded

to Mr. Hirsch's relatives, and to kindred organizations."

For the United Committee,
CROMPTON LLEWELYN DAVIES.
JOHN PAUL.
Joint Secretaries.

The REVIEW has been in frequent communication with Mr. Hirsch, who contemplated the preparation of a series of papers for its pages. We shall strive to obtain some of his unpublished manuscript. If these are unobtainable we shall content ourselves with printing from time to time extracts from his published writings which have not secured a circulation outside of Victoria.

As a writer Mr. Hirsch had the German talent for laborious investigation and careful and well considered statement. It is in these rather than in any marked graces of style, in which he was however by no means wholly deficient, that the value of his published papers consist.

In other fields than those he deliberately selected he might have attained honor and fame, and high wordly position. He chose the better part. He died beloved by many in many lands. He leaves an honored name among those who have wrought worthily for their fellows.

DEATH OF JAMES H. CANFIELD.

Those who read the slight obituary notices in the daily papers of this city of James H. Canfield, librarian of Columbia University, could not know that in his death, which occurred on March 29th, there passed away one of the best equipped disciples of Henry George known to the early days of our movement. Mr. Canfield's work on "Taxation" is one of the best books in advocacy of our doctrines considered from the fiscal side.

Professor Canfield had been the president of the Nebraska University and the Ohio State University. A few years ago he became librarian of Columbia. It is not unlikely that in the position he held he was constrained to a less prominent advocacy of our doctrines than had characterized him at an earlier period. Be that as it may, he