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PERIODICALS

The Singletax Review.

A large part of the September-October number of *The Singletax Review* (150 Nassau St., New York. Price 25 cents) is devoted to proceedings of the Second annual conference of the New York Single Tax League at Buffalo, on September 5. The account of this meeting cannot fail to impress the reader with the fact that the Singletax workers of the Empire State are an able and numerous lot. Accompanying the account are a number of portraits of the more prominent members of the league, together with interesting biographical sketches. An article by R. B. Brinsmade on Proportional Representation, shows the importance of this reform in connection with singletax work—a fact frequently lost sight of by workers who have no patience with any apparent diversion from the main subject. The concluding part of William A. Wood's reply to Professor Irving Fisher on *The High Cost of Living* contains some remarks on the money question which, unless all signs fail, will bring to the Review a deluge of comment and criticism.

S. D.

Proportional Representation.

Equity (Philadelphia) for October presents a fine analysis of proportional representation in connection with the present House of Representatives at Washington. The article is not only analytical but informative and constructive, and persons wishing to post themselves on the status of the movement for electoral reform will find this number helpful. Beside the exhaustive review of the progress of the movement for the Initiative, Referendum, and Recall, this number of the quarterly contains a "Proposed Constitution for an International Government" which may interest those looking to "the Parliament of Man, the Federation of the World."

S. C.

There is a little girl in Springfield, Massachusetts, who, like many of her sex, resents the imputation that the feminine mind is not so strong as the masculine.

One day her mother remarked on the apparent lack of intelligence in a hen.

"You can't teach a hen anything," she said "They have done more harm to the garden than a drove of cattle would. You can teach a cat or a dog, or a pig something, but a hen—never!"

"H'm!" exclaimed the child indignantly. "I think they know as much as the roosters!"—*Youth's Companion*.



Some nations were fighting fiercely.

"Why are you fighting so?" inquired the bystanders, moved at length to curiosity.

"To save civilization!" replied the nations severally.

Here a dragged figure arose from the mire under the feet of the combatants and limped lamely away.

"And who are you?" asked the bystanders, with a disposition to get to the bottom of the matter.

"Don't speak to me—I'm civilization!" the figure made answer, somewhat pettishly.—*New York Evening Post*.



"Willy, is your father a rich man?"

"No, Sallie, he is a professor, so I can be educated for nothing."

"Oh, that's nothing; my father is a minister, and I can be good for nothing."—*Harvard Lampoon*.



"Not long ago," said a Washington lawyer, "I attended a trial during the course of which a youthful physician was summoned as a witness.

"It was natural, of course, that counsel for the other side should, in cross-examination, seize the occasion to make certain sarcastic remarks touching the knowledge and skill of so young a doctor. 'Are you,' questioned the lawyer, 'entirely familiar with the symptoms of concussion of the brain?'

"Yes, sir."

"Then," continued the lawyer, 'I should like to ask your opinion of a hypothetical case. Were my learned friend, Mr. Reed, and myself to bang our heads together, should we get concussion of the brain?'

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