

I gave him my copy (just then at hand) of the Autumn, 1906, issue of your REVIEW together with a letter to Mr. P. J. O'Regan with whom I have had some correspondence and exchange of literature in the past.

The Democratic Party of this Territory had a tax plank for its platform that shows the trend of thought in this community, and it is safe to say that inside the next two years much progress will be made along these lines.

Please send same number as a sample copy to Geo. R. Carter, Governor of the Territory of Hawaii, who I am sure will be highly pleased to read Mr. O'Regan's article, as he also had intended to visit New Zealand some time ago, and this article would inform him on a number of matters into which he would personally have made inquiry.

JOHN EMMELUTH.

Honolulu, T. H.

FROM MR. BOLTON HALL.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Mr. William J. Ogden lays down rules that "The street railway is a public function simply because it is a part of the public street. (This seems to be true if we mean "way," and not cars); and also that "all the services of the government are street services" and he says that "there are two exceptions to the last rule—education and the care of the poor."

If being a "street service," that is, its effect being communicated to the citizen through streets (as Mr. Ogden thinks judicial services are) is sufficient to make a thing a public function; then a board of education (which depends on streets for executing its functions just as much as Mr. Ogden's "board of health") is also a public function and the tariff and blackmail are also public functions.

But Mr. Ogden thinks that "education and the care of the poor" are not street functions and takes refuge in saying that these are exceptions to his rule. There are no exceptions to any rule. Apparent exceptions show only that the rule is loosely stated or wrong.

To the rule that "Everything is a public function which is of its nature a monopoly," there are no exceptions. It shuts out public education to be sure, but under free conditions public education would be needless and impertinent. As for care of the poor—you know the story of the boy that said "Gimme the core of your apple." The other replied, "There won't be no core to this apple."

After giving his reasons why public ownership of (street) railways is a public function, Mr. Ogden slips into his last paragraph but one "government operation" as though he had given reasons for that.

BOLTON HALL.

IT IS ADVANCING.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

While the cause may have advanced slowly during the past year, I feel that it is surely advancing and hope and believe that each year will bring us nearer to the end we are striving to attain.

GEO. DANA LINN.

Spokane, Wash.

AN INTERESTING LETTER.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I am one of the obscure, humble and late-born Single Taxers of whom I believe there are many in this and all other English-speaking countries. No expression can possibly convey what the Georgian Philosophy is to me. To paraphrase Lincoln, it is the birth of freedom, but a world instead of a nation birth. Oh, that the nation would drop everything else—art, astronomy, war, commercial development, and sit at the master's feet until it had irrevocably learned the lesson which he taught—peace on earth good will to men. reduced to method.

I was born and raised in the east end of London—a poor son of a poor mechanic, who was yet of humanity's blood royal. The hopeless, hell-hatched suffering caused by poverty of which I was a daily witness in my growing years tortured me as it did the master. His teachings have enabled me to diagnose it, and a disease correctly diagnosed is half conquered. But the misery of my native streets has scarred my soul, I believe, for eternity. I would not have it otherwise. Until I met the master's writings (and I had never even heard of him until he died), my heart despaired of help for the oppressed of our civilization—God save the word. But George's message answered Milton's great prayer for me. What was dark it illumined, what was low it raised and supported, and to the very climax of argument justified the ways of God to men. Someone has said that Science is simply "knowing why"! If that be true, the Georgian Philosophy is the science of all sciences. I am now living on the Pacific coast, where we have time for a few hurried free gasps before the black tide of forced poverty reaches us, but I am thankful that I do not forget and still suffer with the suffering that

"Time but the impression deeper makes,
As streams their channels deeper wear,"

I am without influence or talent and destitute of that self-centered acquisitive cunning which is the requisite of commercial success. But if "Antony were Brutus and Brutus Antony," there were an Antony that would cry with Myers,

"Give me a voice, a cry, and a complaining,
O, let my sound be stormy in their ears,

an Antony who would move "the very