

lation, the Initiative can be invoked and the popular will secured."

Was this a case of "great minds running in the same channel," or of "auto-suggestion?"

I am very glad that something is going to be done along the S. T. line in Ore., and I shall await with great interest the result of the vote in June.

JAMES P. CADMAN.

CHICAGO, Ill.

GOOD TRACTS WANTED.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Permit me to suggest that The American Single Tax League devote some of its means and efforts in preparing a few, short, forceful tracts for propaganda work, and to this end the REVIEW ask for short articles on the following subjects:—"What is Privilege and how does it differ from capital?" "Tariff Privileges and their power to tax." "Franchise Privileges and their power to tax." "Land value Privileges." In short let us for a time concentrate our efforts in trying to show, those who have not yet learned, what is the nature and power of privilege. How it is created and how it lives by taxation.

Let us have a dozen articles on this subject. "The power to Tax is the Power to Enslave," illustrated by Mr. Bengough's power to enforce the truth, and then let The American Single Tax League print one or two of the best, and through this organization and Mr. Swinney's work send them all over the country.

Let us show the people whom President Roosevelt is educating in the importance and justice of equal opportunity for all just how it can be accomplished. He tells the people that this is a "campaign against privilege." Here is our opportunity. Let us repeat it over and over. That the power to tax is the power to enslave: that Privilege is now seeking to enslave the people more and more, and their only road toward freedom lies in enslaving privilege by taxation.

Politicians of all shades of belief in tariff superstition, politicians who cannot distinguish between the value of a railroad franchise and the value of its capital are trying to obtain votes by talking about

abuses of railroad rebates, and how to curb concentration of corporate power. Here is our opportunity, for only students of Henry George have clear ideas about the nature, growth and menace of privilege.

Let us show that there are legal privileges like the tariff, and natural privileges like the land and franchise privilege, that the one must be abolished, while the others must be re-distributed back to the people.

Let all such tracts be short, brief and clear, after the pattern of Tom Johnson's "The Farmer and the Single Tax."

ELIZA STOWE TWITCHELL.

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A SUGGESTION FROM JOHAN HANSSON.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I am busy to-day, but then I am always busy. I desire to make a few suggestions. I have become more and more convinced that Single Taxers miss a valuable opportunity if they do not try to get some Single Taxers, who are at the same time Prohibitionists, to take up and throw light over the financial problem which the Prohibition movement is beginning to create in the United States. Would it not be well for the American Single Tax League to arrange for an able man (say Bengough who is himself a Prohibitionist) to treat that subject from a Single Tax point of view in newspaper articles as well as in a pamphlet? When I was in Washington I met the Secretary of the Treasury and was told that the temperance movement was likely to make it necessary also for the national government to look for other sources of revenue.

When I saw Mr. Johnson in Cleveland and Mr. Post in Chicago I made the suggestion that Single Taxers should try to get together some time next year a world conference not for Single Tax, but for "*Free Trade, the Taxation of Land Values, and Peace.*"

The conference should be held in Glasgow and the invitation should go from the strongest men in Great Britain. I think the idea might be urged; Mr. Post was especially favorable, and promised to go over if in any way possible. I shall

write to John Paul. I should like you also to consider the matter, to comment upon it, and to begin to work for its success. I think you will realize that such a conference for the purpose of discussing the relations of free trade, land values and peace will be more likely to be successful than one called together for the Single Tax alone. We could get strong earnest men who are free traders, but only sympathetic to the other causes and men who are enthusiastic friends of peace, but not yet aware of the relations it bears to free trade and the taxation of land values. In this way we could get together a body of men whose deliberations would result in much of value and whose work would be given world-wide publicity.

JOHAN HANSSON.

This letter was received from Mr. Hansson from Winnipeg just before his departure for New Zealand. Mr. Hansson is now presumably in Auckland. The last issue of the *REVIEW* omitted a reference to a dinner tendered Mr. Hansson by a few of his New York friends on his departure from this city, at which ex-Congressman Robert Baker, John J. Murphy, Edward Polak, Frederick C. Leubuscher and others participated.

We would like an expression of opinion on the suggestion of Mr. Hansson for a world conference to include representatives of the causes named. We think such a suggestion a good one. But we fear the time is too short to prepare for such a conference next year. One year is none too long to work up the details necessary to make a success of such a conference.

Editor *Single Tax Review*.

FROM F. SKIRROW.

Editor *Single Tax Review*.

I was very pleased with your note on Mr. Bagot's article. As an enthusiast I often say strong things against the government, but when one realizes what forces are at work it is much easier to make some allowance for the slowness of the legislative machine. Mr. Fels appears to have much confidence in the Labor Party, but I confess that I have none.

On our question they are no more to be trusted than the Tories, or Whigs of the Liberal Party. I have had more opposition and sneers from these men than from those of any other party.

With all good wishes,

F. SKIRROW.

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AGREES WITH MR. BAGOT.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I think Mr. John Bagot has done well in warning Single Taxers not to pin their faith to the English Liberal Party. The declarations of the ex-Prime Minister and his Colleagues before and during the early days of their ministerial career very naturally raised great hopes in the breasts of Single Taxers, but so far at least those hopes have not been fulfilled, and the recent retirement of Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman from the Premiership seems disastrous to our cause, because he, above all the members of the Liberal Government, has shown a real knowledge of the great need for drastic land reform and an honest endeavor to deal with it (excepting the Scottish Solicitor General who has done splendid work for us.)

It is well to bear in mind the actual character and composition of the Liberal Party, which, as Mr. Fels points out, is largely made up of middle class men, many of them landowners, monopolists, and large employers of labour. Such men are, as a rule, opposed to any radical change in the social system, such as the Single Tax would accomplish, and it is not to be expected that they would voluntarily destroy their privilege by voting for any such thoroughgoing measure as the taxation of land values; and of course the government knows what degree of support to expect from their followers in any such legislation.

I believe it to be of the most vital importance that we should maintain our independence of all political parties, and this does not mean a helpless isolation, but more freedom and greater support from the thinking men of all parties. Perhaps some one will say this desirable independence still exists—I won't dispute it, but there seems to be a general