

children after that great man. I have a copy of "Progress and Poverty."

Asking for literature and offering to arrange speaking appointments in his city, Mr. L. E. Brickell of Watertown, S. D., writes: "For the balance of my life I am going to spend what money and time I can working towards the end that the Single Tax may become a law."

Here is what two San Antonio, Texas, readers of Harold S. Buttenheim's "A Pragmatic Experiment with Texas," published in the December *Survey Graphic*, have to say about it:

"A Pragmatic Experiment" is one of the most timely articles that has come to my notice."—WILLIAM A. BLACK, Secretary of the Single Tax League of Texas.

"The copy of 'A Pragmatic Experiment with Texas' was very interesting to me and I am beginning to see a very decided advantage in your idea of taxation. I shall continue to study it whenever possible."—H. E. KINCAID, City Planner of San Antonio.

Death of J. O'Donnell Derrick

THE *Irish Weekly* of Saturday, Feb. 18, announces the death on Wednesday of that week of J. O'Donnell Derrick, widely known exponent of the Henry George doctrine and indefatigable worker for land emancipation. He was a correspondent of LAND AND FREEDOM and many were the friendly letters received from him over a number of years. He paid us the distinction of reprinting in the *Irish Weekly* from time to time a number of verses from the editor's collected poems, an honor which touched us profoundly. His department appearing in the *Irish Weekly*, with which he was long identified as its Scottish correspondent, contained much vigorous presentation of the doctrine of the land for the people. He attended several of the International Henry George conferences. Charles O'Connor Hennessy met him at Edinburgh and had a keen appreciation of his character and ability. He was a friend of John Paul and others of the leaders of our movement across the water.

James O'Donnell Derrick went to Scotland from Donegal when a child. As a young man he threw himself into the Irish movement and worked for the political emancipation of his native land. He was a close friend of Joseph Devlin, T. P. O'Connor, John E. Redmond and others of the Irish leaders. He did much to impress Scottish M. P.'s with the necessity for Irish independence, and his earnestness and sympathy won many of them over. He was a real political power, but his abiding passion was the economic emancipation of his people, and indeed all peoples.

He was a devout Catholic, and events of interest to those of the faith were chronicled with a fullness and completeness in his department, "North and South of the Clyde," which was so interesting a feature of the *Irish Weekly*. As

a newspaper man he wielded a facile pen and his selection as secretary of the Glasgow branch of the National Union of Journalists was a fitting recognition of the fame he had won in his chosen profession.

His funeral which was private and attended by only a few of his intimate friends took place at St. Kentigern's Cemetery, Lambeth. Many were the tributes from individuals and organizations, for he was held in great affection by all who knew him. The following from Frank Glennie, Hon. Secretary of the Young Men's Catholic Society of Scotland, voices the esteem in which he was held by the young Catholics of his adopted country.

"It was with feelings of deepest sorrow that I learned of the death of your trusted representative, Mr. Derrick. On behalf of my society in Scotland, I would ask you to accept our sympathy and regret at your loss.

Mr. Derrick was surely one of nature's gentlemen, and his passing is indeed tragic, for surely today we can ill afford to lose such as he. His memory we know will remain ever green."

The following from the Rev. Father Dawson, of Dublin, Church of the Oblate Fathers, friend of Henry George and Anna George de Mille, will be read with special interest by our readers:

"I am shocked and grieved to read in this morning's paper of the death of my friend, Mr. O'Donnell Derrick.—R.I.P. Please tell all his relations and friends of my hearty sympathy and prayers. God be with him. Surely he has a great reward for his life-long and self sacrificing devotion to the cause of the poor and the oppressed."

The number of the *Irish Weekly* that chronicles his death contains the last installment that he will ever pen for his department, "North and South of the Clyde." We give the golden words as his farewell to the great cause he so greatly served:

"Here are some things generally and persistently asserted in newspapers and by public speakers:—

"That a man is merely entitled to a living wage and not to his full earnings.

"That God intended that one set of men should charge others rent for the use of His gift—land. That because kings or queens gifted away God's bounty to enable private individuals to pocket rent, that therefore a people's parliament has no right to divert economic rent into the public exchequer.

"That taxing goods, thus making them dear in price, is of any advantage to the masses of the people.

"That Free Trade ever existed in Britain. It never existed nor can exist until there is absolute Free Trade in exchange as well as production by the abolition of all taxes on the products of labor."

Not of the Schools

IS a life of reading and writing, enlivened by organized athletics—a life in which all your bills are paid and everything is done for you, from making your bed to cooking your meals—precisely a life that develops the moral stamina and the mental hardihood of the pioneer. Somehow, one seems to remember that of half a dozen world-notable men thus far produced by this American Republic Emerson and Thoreau were in disfavor with their esteemed Alma Mater, William James lacked a college degree, as did Henry George; and Abraham Lincoln and Walt Whitman attained their respective summits without recourse to any institutions of higher learning whatsoever

Editorial (Uncle Dudley) in *Boston Globe*.