

## PERIODICALS

### Publicity for Singletax in Spain.

On March 23 at a Singletax meeting at Sevilla, Mr. Blas Infante read a paper on "Religion and the Singletax" which was highly praised by the daily Figaro of that city and printed in the Spanish Singletaxer for May. "The Cause of Social Unrest from Unemployment and Low Wages," an address delivered by Mr. Antonio Albendin at a meeting of the Commercial Clerks' Association at Malaga, was printed in full in the republican daily, "El Popular," of that city. Mr. Baldomero Argente addressed a meeting at Madrid on April 4 on the Agrarian Problem and its Solution. On April 11 The Tribune of Madrid gave a full page to Mr. Albendin's reply to an attack on Singletax by Mr. Maetzu. "El Popular" on May 14 published another letter from Mr. Antonio Albendin, addressed to "The Society for the Improvement of Property," the society having requested his opinion as to the solution of the Housing Problem, which at present is a live issue in Spain, as in many other parts of the world. The methods so far proposed are along the line of societies dedicated to this reform and subsidized by the Government, and of exemption from taxation of land and buildings occupied by the workers. Under this paternal arrangement other societies of like purpose are suggested, such as "The Society for the Encouragement of Savings" and so forth. Mr. Albendin's advice is to the effect that their schemes, not being in harmony with natural law, must necessarily fail; that the only factors in the production of houses are land and labor; that these factors can be brought together by the concentration of all taxes on the selling price of the bare land and in no other way, but that, this accomplished, all needful houses will be built without subsidies or benevolent societies, and the housing problem, like other economic problems, will disappear.

C. L. LOGAN.



### About Huerta.

The Atlantic Monthly for June leads off with a lengthy character sketch of Huerta. The writer does not defend Huerta's official acts; he does explain some of them in persuasive fashion. But what makes the essay important is the conviction it leaves with the reader that General Huerta is by no means the coward weakling, the brainless brawler that some of our journals would make him out. He has a good scientific and military education; has done accurate geological surveying; is known as an impeccable mathematician, and is an experienced and clever general who knows how to lead men and carry on campaigns. All this does not make the portrait of a good man, as the author is free to confess. No defense is offered for his treatment of Madero. But to underrate an opponent is not the wise man's way to vanquish him. No more helpful, however, is it to exaggerate his strength. The essay is worth a reading, and a personal appraisal of its value.

A. L. G.

### Ten Years of Suffrage Work.

Letters from woman suffrage leaders in many of the countries of the world are gathered into the May number of Jus Suffragii, the organ of the International Woman Suffrage Alliance. Each writer explains briefly the present status of woman suffrage among her people, and the symposium is in honor of the tenth anniversary of the founding of the Alliance.

A. L. G.



### "An Extraordinary Correspondence."

An interesting exchange of letters is reproduced in the June American Magazine between the Dean of a theological school and an American millionaire. The Dean in his letter asks the millionaire for a contribution in support of his school, telling him that therein young men are trained to preach the Gospel to the heathen. The millionaire in his reply states his own creed and offers to respond favorably to the Dean's request if it is the same that his young men are taught to spread among the heathen. The Dean's rejoinder is not given, yet it is hard to see how he could possibly have disagreed with the millionaire without repudiating the Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. The American Magazine asks readers to put themselves in the Dean's place and tell how they would answer.

S. D.



### A Component Force.

The appraisal of William J. Bryan's activities in the Wilson administration, which appears in Harper's Weekly of June 6, is a sermon on human service that cannot be easily forgotten. President Wilson is a great intellectual and moral force which America has set to work in the world, and beside him, behind him, co-operative with him is Mr. Bryan, his Secretary of State and political chief of staff. Just how accurate a knowledge the writer of this article on "Wilson's Right-hand Man" may have of the actual division of labor and accomplishment between the President and Mr. Bryan, each reader must judge for himself. It is a natural guess, a priori, that neither one of this great team is slackening his tug enough for any onlooker to calculate his or his mate's precise pull.

A. L. G.



The Employer: "By the way, the children usually eat with us."

The New Governess (firmly): "I must object to that."

"Why?"

"They're sure to pick up such faulty notions of grammar."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.



During a municipal campaign in Chicago a politician dropt in one morning to see a certain grocer. During the conversation that took place, the politician asked, "And I may count upon your support, may I not?"

"Why, no, I am sorry to say," replied the grocer. "The fact is, I have promised my support to the other candidate."

The politician laughed. "Ah," said he, "in poli-