

stones to rise and mutiny." But I can help the movement by doing what little I can to uphold the hands of the supporters and leaders. Therefore I desire to get into touch with you.

Trusting that you will pardon this garrulous letter and promising not to do it again.

H. E. VENESS.

Doty, Wash.

FROM AN ULTRA CONSERVATIVE
SINGLE TAXER.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

I truly hope the REVIEW will live and prosper. If it does not I trust that in spite of financial loss and disappointment you will feel repaid.

Why our movement halts or is slow must, I think, be due to deep-seated causes, scarcely suspected or understood. My belief is that our radical reform is slow for the same reason that all radicalism is slow, because it is usually a one-sided radicalism, and because a fanatical zeal really allies itself to reactionary forces. The radicalism of Russia is so rabid that it tends to terrorism and anarchy, and in Germany it opposes a bold and rational exercise of authority. In America it tends to lend aid and sympathy to strikers, to mobs and mob law, and to a Jacobin construction of human rights.

My belief is that this is false principle and bad policy. Law and order, however poor they be, are still precious things. And our present system of order, bad as it is, stands for a degree of justice and for the attainment of fuller justice.

ROWLAND HILL.

Seneca, South Dakota.

(We print Mr. Hill's letter, or part of it, because it is expressive of the convictions of a sincere Single Taxer, however much it is opposed to the less conservative views of the great body of our believers. It will be recalled that Mr. Hill was one of those who in the controversy in the columns of the old *National Single Taxer* wrote in favor of the Phillipine policy of the government. Mr. Hill is an imperialist—we believe he would not resent this appellation—and as such his position will seem to most of our readers curiously contradictory. But he is at least an intelligent imperialist, and his position is much the same as Professor Giddings who is very friendly to the Single Tax, takes in his "Democracy and Empire."

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW.)

AN APPEAL FOR ORGANIZATION.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Our forces are woefully unorganized. About two years ago I suggested a plan of organization, but nothing came of it. We seem to be too individualistic or too aristocratic

for our own good. Haven't we Single Taxers in the United States got brains, nerve, perseverance, organizing capacity enough, and are we not sufficient in numbers to effect an organization? I am sure the Single Taxers of the country would be more than pleased if you as the editor of the official organ of the movement would go to the front and plan and effect an organization. We are beginning to look to you.

For myself I have not been idle here in Jamestown, the home of Mr. Arthur Wade, the Chairman of the newly appointed N. Y. State Tax Commission. I hope to be able to do something.

F. G. ANDERSON.

Jamestown, N. Y.

MR. WAKEFIELD'S STATEMENT.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Mr. Wakefield begins by making me out a socialist, for which he has not the least proof. He then says I depend more on my feelings than on economic facts for my principles, and forthwith proceeds to exhibit conclusions taken from his own feelings as an answer to my statistical facts taken from official sources. He calls these worthless and his feelings—for there is nothing to show that his own figures are based on anything else—correct. Upon this nothing further remains to be said.

I commend him to our friend Mr. Louis F. Post, who has the honesty of acknowledging when he has stumbled into a misstatement. In reply to a letter in which I drew his attention to the same error he made in regard to the farmers' portion of the nation's land values, he says: "The statement that the farmers own less than ten per cent. of all the land values of the country is one that I think I must apologize for using. Whether it is true or not I really do not know and I doubt if anyone else does. It is simply one of those statements that pass around, and, which, since it represents a substantial truth even if out of proportion, one is apt to utilize for current writing or speaking." * * *

This is an excuse for following feelings instead of statistics and perhaps the feelings are right and the statistics wrong, which, however, does not justify my antagonist posing on the side of statistics and throwing me on that of feelings, his own place all along.

MICHAEL FLURSCHHEIM.

Coronado, Cal.

WHERE IS IT?

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

In re the Wakefield-Flurschheim controversy, the sale of the Jim Hill iron lands to the Steel Trust is of some moment. The editor of a prominent Milwaukee paper gives facts and figures to prove the