

The Upward Look

The Cause of Poverty

"Thy will be done."
So Jesus prayed. And so He lived. And so He tried to induce others to live. As we read the wonderful story of the life of our Saviour on earth we see that ever and always His great aim was to teach the world that true happiness and prosperity came only from obeying God's will and that all unhappiness (and consequently all poverty, for poverty is the greatest cause of unhappiness) came from not obeying the Father's will. And 2,000 years after Christ taught the secret of human happiness there is still the most intense poverty in the world. We have not yet learned to interpret God's will aright.

Over half a century ago a man named Henry George, touched by the sufferings of humanity, started to study social conditions to see wherein we are disobedient. He saw how bountifully the Father in Heaven had endowed the earth. And strangely enough, right near the great unused resources of nature he saw the direct want. He put the two together and discovered the secret of poverty,—that the land that God had intended for all was being monopolized by the few.

When in the older lands he saw

farmers working hard all their lives, producing abundance of wealth, and giving such a large part of it to their landlord as rent that they themselves had to live in poverty. Why, he asked himself, should these people have to give of the products of their labor to another man for the use of land that a kind Father had provided for all?

In the cities he found the same condition,—men toiling from year to year and a rent eating up the surplus earnings that would have kept them in comfort instead of poverty. He saw that every improvement in means of production, which should have bettered the condition of the working man, was accompanied by a rise in land values and accordingly in rent, thus leaving the people as poor as ever. Why should a few men become millionaires out of land valued, he asked, and they and their children live in the most extravagant luxury, while the men who really produce the wealth live in poverty, Henry George asked himself.

And then the truth flashed on him. The cause of poverty was just this—the value of land, created by all the people and given to them by God, was in the hands of a few. And believing that the duty of every true Christian is to strive to have God's will supreme on earth, Henry George spent all the rest of his life advocating his remedy, the Single Tax, which we will discuss next week.

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How They Clean House

Mrs. L. Carson, Wentworth Co., Ont.
"Well, house-cleaning starts next week! Herbert, will you call up the agency and see on what day we can have the vacuum cleaner?"

I was visiting my daughter in town when she began to talk about house-cleaning. I understood perfectly what it meant,—back breaking work, house in confusion, irregular meals, men taken from the fields to beat carpets, etc. When she mentioned the vacuum cleaner I had a hazy idea of what she meant, but did not know just what it was. However, the vacuum cleaner arrived the first of the next week and I had the privilege of seeing a same and orderly house-cleaning.

The rugs were never moved from the floor. The cleaner was hitched on to an electric light bulb as a source of power. Then my daughter simply moved the cleaner over the rugs and everything was left fresh and clean with very little labor and no confusion. A second device was then fixed to the rod of the cleaner and the furniture was cleaned. This too without noise or hard work. Mattresses and pillows were cleaned in the same dustless manner.

We now have one ourselves. It does not work by electricity because we have not got electric power in this section. It is one of the \$20 hand machines that we would not sell for \$10 if we could not get another. It pays for itself not only at house-cleaning

time but all through the year. We hardly ever use a broom. It is so much cleaner and healthier to use our vacuum machine that does not raise any dust. Really cleaning is now a pleasure.

Demonstration Lectures

During the winter of 1912-13 courses consisting of 10 Demonstration lectures in Domestic Science, Sewing and Home Nursing, were given under the direction of the Institutes Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture. These courses proved most successful and a liberal appropriation from the Federal Grant has been set apart for an extension of the work during the season of 1913-14.

The Institutes desiring to take advantage of this offer should write to the Ontario Department of Agriculture at Toronto for application forms and upon receiving same forward them to the superintendent, or to the district secretary of the riding in which the branch is located. The district and branch officers will be expected to confer in planning for the courses and if possible send applications from groups of institutes conveniently located, so that the instructor may readily travel from place to place, holding a course at a different point each day, from Monday to Friday inclusive, covering the same route from week to week.



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