#### LIVE QUESTIONS.

A Series of Articles Contributed by Advanced Thinkers.

A FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION - SOME EVILS OF OUR PRESENT TAXING

SYSTEM. / By Frederick M. Crunden, Public Librarian, St. Louis.

This would probably raise the total to \$200,000,000 (\$1,000,000,000), which would bear all expenses of the government and provide every child in the kingdom not only with free schooling, tat with food and clothes enough to prolong his attendance to at least 16 years of age. If you want to regenerate society, give to the people their birth-right in the land, and you may dispense with poor relief, outdoor and indoor. What a spectacle for a Christian country-\$1,000,000,000 taken from the people and \$50,000,000, one-twentieth of the amount, given back to those who are left utterly destitute! It is as if a band of robbers should "hold up" a train and, after securing \$100,000 from the express car and the passengers, voluntarily give \$5,000 to some sick and despairing passengers who represented that they had nothing left. These knights of the road would be thought not such bad fellows after all. The English landowners are not at all bad

"Oh, but these poor people are lazy, thriftiess and intemperate!" says Mr. Letalone. Are these dukes, then, such hard workers? Do they work so much harder than the coal miners and dock laborers or the clerks and seamstresses. of England? They may be hard working and useful men, or they may be utterly worthless. This does not effect their power to take the earnings of their fellow countrymen.

Just reflect for a moment on some of the figures I gave you awhile ago. Here are three men owning on an average over 600,000 acres apiece, a dozen or more estates, with palaces, castles and town houses to match, while millions of their fellow countrymen are without a foot of land or one decent room to shelter them and their families. They need not give a thought to the people who support them in idleness and luxmy. They can have their rents collected by an agent and never see either the tenants or the estates.

And what is their title to this land? I can best answer by telling a pertinent

I have shown you that in Great Britain 38,000,000 people are the slaves of 5,000. Most of these slaves belong to 525 nobles, who, as Sir Anthony Abso-Inte puts it, took "the estate with the live stock on it as it stands." In New Zenland 600,000 must pay 2,000, some if them the same old masters that they left England to escape, for the privilege of using the land and the air and the sunshine there. "Lay not the flattering unction to your soul" that it is different here. It is merely a matter of degree, and it is gradually but surely growing worse.

I use the word "slave" advisedly. "The ownership of land in the south is the same pernicious thing it has come to be in every civilized country in the world," "industrial slavery, a slavery more excruciating in its exactions, more irresponsible in its machinations, than that other slavery which I once endured."-Thomas T. Fortune, an ex- factory is the next enterprise.

It was through the acknowledgment of the ownership of the soil that the Germans lost their political liberty. In a review of the change of the social conditions of Europe at the close of the tenth century Stubbs says: "The ideas of individual freedom and political rights have become so much bound up with the relations created by the possession of land as to be actually subservient to them. Land has become the sacramented tie of all public relations. The poor man depends on the rich, not as his chosen patron, but as the owner of the land that he cultivates."

Of course it could not be otherwise. Through a contest of centuries, including four revolutions, the political liberty of the old German tribes has been regained, but political without industrial liberty is hollow and self destructive. And to one who studies the subject it becomes self evident that industrial freedom is absolutely incompatible with the private ownership of land val-

Some one may ask, "How does it happen that nobody perceived the injustice of this system and the evils produced by it till Henry George pointed

In so far as this is meant to cast discredit on the reform it has no pertinence. Some one has to take the initiative in every movement for progress and reform. But Henry George was not the first to point out the injustice of private ownership of and. As the steam engine and the locomotive were foreshadowed before the inventions of Watts and Stevenson, as the germs of the Copernican theory may be traced back to classic philosophers, so the idea of the injustice inherent in the private ownership of land found expression long before Henry George was born. In 1782 there was published a book entitled "An Essay on the Right of Property In Land." The author was William Ogilvie, professor of philosophy in the University of Aberdeen, himself a hereditary land owner. I quote from a page opened at random:

"The public good requires that every individual should be incited to employ his industry in increasing the public stock or to exert his talents in the public service by the certainty of a due regard. Whoever enjoys any revenue not proportioned to such industry or exertion of his own or of his ancestors is rating and Furnishing, a cover in colors by ting social circle of communities, tion, certainly and permanently.

a freebooter, who has found means to Irwin Moorhead, representing a hunting imposes on an aspirant for admission to its. Sold by druggists. Trial bottle 10 cents. cheat or to rob the public and more especially the indigent of that district in which he lives. But the hereditary revenue of a great land holder is wholly independent of his industry and secure from every danger that does not threaten the whole state. It increases, of the year. Copies free at Ryttenberg & ate. Cure indigestion, biliousness. 25c. also without any effort of his and in | Sons.

proportion to the industry of those who cultivate the soil. In respect of their industry, therefore, it is a taille, or progressive tax, of the most pernicious himself it is a premium given to idleness and inducement to refrain from any active employment and to withhold his talents, whatever they are, from the service of his country."

### She Won Her Bet.

The efficiency of the employees of the Jacksonville postoffice was put to a severe test recently, when the distributing clerk came across a photograph with a postage stamp attached and the only direction on it as follows, says the Florida Times-Union:

-, Jacksonville, "Deliver to -

the picture, which was taken with a small camera, and which did not show the face of the person photographed very distinctly. One of the carriers named Walter G. Coleman, the general traveling agent of the F. C. and P. railway, was the person. Several of the clerks and carriers did not think that it was intended for Mr. Coleman, while others sided with the Bay street carrier. Finally a wager of \$1 was made, and

the carrier started out to deliver it. When he reached Mr. Coleman's office, that gentleman at once claimed the photograph as one of himself. A week ago or more, while walking along Bay street, he met a young lady with a kodak, who took a snap shot at him in front of the Gardner building. She said that if the picture was a good one she would send it to him. It also appears that the young lady won a wager made with her father on the delivery of the photograph to Mr. Coleman with only the directions above.

#### Yellow Alaska Cedar.

The durability of this timber is forcibly illustrated by fallen trunks that are perfectly sound after lying in the damp woods for centuries. Soon after these trees fall they are overgrown with moss, in which seeds lodge and germinate and grow up into vigorous saplings, which stand in a row on the backs of their young trees perhaps three or four will grow to full stature, sending down straddling roots on each side and establishing themselves in the soil, and after they have reached an age of 200 or 300 years the downtrodden trunk on which they are standing, when cut into, is found as fresh in the heart as when it fell.-John Muir in Century.

#### He Was a Bird.

Aid (charging furiously up)-General, the enemy has captured our left wing. What shall we do?

The Commander-Fly with the other. -Philadelphia Inquirer.

There is so much sympathy in this country that very often the under dog THE TEACHERS INSTITUTE. becomes a dangerous, impudent cur.-Atchison Globe.

### Magnolia News.

MAGNOLIA, S. C., August 30. This modest little town is getting in first class trim for the fall trade, and her live merchants have taken unusual pains and displayed great judgment in selecting a class and quality of merchandise that meet the demands of the most fastidious. In addition to other new stores opened recently we now have a separate furniture store. A big

The weather for saving forage and picking cotton, at this writing, cannot be improved | day. on, and good use is being made of it; but in the Graded School Assembly Hall. our enterprising ginner, Mr. S. Kilpatrick, in consequence of some additional work on his yet, which is causing some muttering among the planters. I think the extreme hot weather for the last four or five weeks has seriously injured the cotton and early corn in this was full of interest and the teachers gia railroad to conclude an agreement for section. I call it about one-third off, at present were greatly pleased with the practical

Rav. Melvin McLeod is convalescing after several weeks illness, to the delight of his many friends and relatives

Col. J A. Rhame has been quite sick, but

To-morrow will, in all probability, say who our next senator will be. We hope the mantle will fall on McLaurin, but just now we don't feel exactly comfortable about it, as past experience teaches us that people don't act on their best judgment every time now-adays, but prejudice and malice insatiable swallow up those higher impulses. Anyhow, and at all events—hurrah for McLaurin! OCCASIONAL.

## The American Queen.

Ian Maclaren has a new story titled "A Scotch Carnival" in the September number of "The American Queen." It is an account of a Scotch fair with farmers making their bargains, showmen exhibiting their shows, the fakir plying his trade; worked into it is a charming story of a lover and his lass It is one of the best short stories that has ever come from Iau Maclaren's pen. Marguerite Merington, the author of "Letterblair" and formerly professor of rhetoric and librarian, of Normal College of the City of New York, writes on "Old Books and New." This article is the first of a series on the books women ought to read. George R. Knapp, of the United States Agricultural Bureau, contributes a timely paper on flowers and plants Mrs. Gesine Lemcke gives a first les-Miss Emma M. Hooper edits the Dressmaking | describes the most impressive and dramatic | digested food is the strength-maker. a denactment on Results and the ranks. Toilet, by Mrs. Hull Winterourn ; "Representative Business Women," by Olive F. Protect yourself against sickness and suf Gunby; "The Guest Chamber," by Marion fering by keeping your blood rich and pure Laing; also Hints on Bridal Presents. This with Hood's Sarsaparilla Weak, thin. im-September number of "The American pure blood is sure to result in disease. Queen" is the most brilliant and intercesting

PROF. WOODWARD'S LEC-TURE.

nature, and in respect of the land holder A Notable Address on the English Bible.

> South Carolina College, delivered an able and sholarly, a notable, and elequent lecture on the English Bible last night. He spoke to a large audience of the most cultured people of Sumter, who evinced the greatest interest and pleasure by the closest and most absorbed attention while he was speaking and the heartiest applause when he concluded after speaking for nearly an hour.

Prof. Woodward introduced his lecture by saying that he had been a resident of the Several of the employees were shown | State for sixteen years and this was his first visit to Sumter, but added that he had accepted the first invitation-had the invitation been extended earlier, he would have had the pleasure of addressing the people of Sumter

The speaker gave first a concise resume of the history of the English Bible from the earliest translation made in England to the Authorized Version which, after more than two hundred years of use, has come to be recognized as the English Bible of all time. He showed that the Bible is not a translation merely, the work of one man or set of men of one period, but rather the result of a thousand years of growth and development in which the very life and strength of the language is embodied. From the historical aspect of the subject Prof. Woodward, passed to the literary value and greatness of the Bible, and showed conclusively that the Bible is not only one of the English classics but the greatest and most influential of them all, a world classic in the widest acceptation of the term. The influence of the strong, virile, clear and noble style of the Bible English upon all English literature was traced from Chaucer to the present time. The lecture was concluded with a noble tribute to the Bible, its influence on the spoken and written language in use by millions of English speaking people, its purity, its strength, its simplicity and its directness—the qualities that dead ancestors. Of this company of make the English language great and perma-

Prof. Woodward is not only a master of the subject he discussed, but of the English language, and of this his lecture was the most conclusive proof. It has never been the good fortune, the pleasure of the people of this city to hear an able, and a more scholarly

Prof. E. P. Moses will lecture to-night in cess. the assembly hall of the Graded School, the lecture beginning at 8.30 o'clock. His subject will be "Tennyson." The public is invited to attend. Prof E. S. Joynes, of the South Carolina College, will lecture to-morrow night at the same place.

The Teachers of Sumter Cunty Assemble in Large Numbers.

The Teachers Institute for the teachers of Sumter county was organized at 9 30 o'clock | Murat DeLorme as the man he caught a few Monday morning in the Graded School with a enrollment of thirty five, and the regular institute work was promptly begun. Supt. W. S. Thomson, of the Rock Hill Graded Schools is the director of the institute and his assistants are Prof. E. P. Moses of Winthrop College and Mr. A. M. Rankin, Supt. of the Columbia merchants: They have been put Lancaster Graded Schools.

Mr. Thomson lectures on English Grammar, Prof. Moses on Reading and Spelling and

Mr. Rankin on Arithmetic. The exercises of the institute begin at 9 30 and continue until 12 o'clock each There are also lectures each night

The attendance at the institute is expected to be larger during the remainder of the week than it was Monday, as all of the teachers gin house, is not quite ready for the cotton | who have signified their intention to attend had not yet arrived.

and instructive character of the institute and Charleston over the latter road. It is work. The attendance is said to be fully as Mr and Mrs. Lyles Miller have again fa- large, if not larger, then any institute yet vored us with the light of their smiling coun- held by the gentlemen who are directing it, roads from the terminus of the O. R. & C. and great benefit is expected to result to the at Marion, N. C., to Charleston. If educational interests of the county from the this agreement be made and is

The following teachers are attending the Institute: Mrs J J Brunson, Mrs Ross McLeod, Mrs Lizzie Player, Mrs C V Spann, Mrs L E Steinmeyer, Misses Alice Baker, Sarah A Burkette, Julia Cuttino, Lizzie Cuttino, Rosa Dinkins, Willie Dinkins, Ulrica Dinkins, Mamie Dinkins, Aleine DuRant, Sallie G Ellis, Hannah B Fraser, D F Gaillard, C E Lynam, Evie A Mathis, Adele McLeod, 'eila McLeod, Leila Shaw, Dora Michau, Lilian Moses, L Ida Reames, Etta Lee Shaw, F C Sumter, Mamie Warren, Annie Graham, Una Wells, Maggie E Myers, Agnes McCallum, Eva Smith, Messrs J N M Davis, G W Malone, L D Spann, Silas Mellett, S M McLeod, E E Fraser, Geo L Dickson, S D Cain, R B Cain and L V Brown.

## Running Down a Lie.

The Daily Item received the following telegram from Manning this morting. Taking it on its face it is apparent that some one has been lying on Sheriff Bradham in hope of injuring Senator McLaurin in the primary tomorrow. The telegram is published to set Sheriff Bradham right in case he has been misrepresented in this community.

Manning, Aug. 30 .- Sheiff Bradham denounces as false that he will support Evans. Says he is for McLaurin first and last. Louis AFPELT

## September Ladies' Home Journal.

The September Ladies' Home Journal, in son on economical cookery, and takes the the variety, interest and timeliness of its ar- They nearly all live to a ripe old age. position that food, to be good, tasteful and ticles, and in the beauty of its illustrations, Clara Louise Burnbam has a delightful short spirited article by John F. Coyle, "When special tonic power over the stomach. we story in this issue of "The Queen." Henry Clay Said Farewell to the Senate," Department, which fil's an entire page. The scene ever enacted in Congress, and another, latest fashions occupy five pages; the fashion by Clifford Howard, telts of "Destroyed a from properly digested food. illustrations are copious and treat of the Million Dollars a Day," the task of the re-Pail and Winter styles. "Love Will Find a demption division of our Treasury. Eliza- made easy by Shaker Digestive Cordial.

Hood's Pills are easy to take, easy to oper-

An Old Subscriber.

We had the pleasure Saturday of seeing Mr Alpheus Baker, of Mayesville. He is one of the original subscribers of the Watchman, his name having never been off the subscription book since the Sumter Watchman was established forty-seven years ago, and he is always a welcome visitor at this office when he Prof. F. C. Woodward, President of the is in the city. Mr. Baker is getting along in years, but he is still actively engaged in farming. There are bundreds wno have been subscribers to the Watchman & Southron for twenty to thirty years, but the original subscribers, who commenced reading the paper with the first number, are not now as numerous as they were a few years ago.

### Lost an Arm.

Mr. Tom Osteen, of the Privateer neighborbood, fell off a wagon last Thursday afternoon, breaking one arm between the wrist and elbow. Both bones were shattered and the arm was so severely mangled that amputation was necessary. The arm was amputated just below the elbow.

#### Base Ball.

There was a farmer's picnic at Pocotaligo Friday, given by the colored people of that neighborhood. The event of the day was a game of ball between a Sumter nine, managed by Paul R. Moses, and the Pocataligo club, F. C. Stoney, manager The game was won by the Sumter team, score 14 to 10.

The council chamber on the second floor of the city hall building has been rented for use as an exchange. The quotations of the New York and Chicago exchanges will be posted regularly, and options on cotton, grain, etc., may be bought. Several members of the council were opposed to renting the council chamber, although it is seldom used, all meetings being held in the clerk and treasurer's office, but the majority ruled and the lease was executed. The exchange was opened for business to-day. Mr. R. H. Taylor representing H. W. Sibley & Co., bankers and commission brokers, of Richmond, Va., has charge of the office.

The arrangements for opening the tobacco warehouse have been practically consummated by Stuckey & Co., and it will probably be ready for business early next month. It is to be hoped that the warehouse will be reopened with adequate financial support to conduct the business on a substantial basis. There is no concealing the fact, nor is there any use in denying that Sumter has lost trade by the failure to open the tobacco warehouse promptly at the beginning of the season. It will be an uphili business to regain the lost ground, but if the warehouse is conducted on business principles it is certain that tobacco will be brought here for sale, as a great many of the tobacco planters transact their business here and bave been accustomed to sell their crops and buy their goods in Sumter. As soon as they are assured that they will be paid as much for their tobacco in Sumter as in other markets they will come to Sumter to sell it. The merchants and business men of the city will lend substantial backing to the warehouse and will use all of their influence to make the warehouse a suc-

Chief of Police Bradford captured two negroes Monday who have been systematically robbing the stores during the last few days. They are expert sneak thieves and worked together very cleverly. They would go into a store and while one engaged the attention of a clerk the other stole whatever goods came most handy. They got two pair of trousers from D J. Chandler's clothing store that morning, and after they were captured two more pair were recovered, which were identified as the property of The Ducker & Bultman Co. The store of John Reid was also visited and a lot of caps appropriated. One of the negroes has been identified by Mr. nights ago in the attempt to enter the residence of Mrs. B. K. DeLorme. The negroes are unknown here, and it is thought that they came last from Columbia, as some of the goods found at the house where they were staying had evidently been stolen from in jail and will go up to the court of sessions for trial at the next term. Chief Bradford had a long and hot chase after them on wheel and afoot before he succeeded in running them to earth, and one would have escaped had be not run almost into the arms of Albert Weeks, who happened along opportunely and arrested the fleeing miscreant in his precipitate flight.

The most recent information relative to the Ohio River & Charleston Railroad does not give much encouragement to those who hope for the early completion of the project-The attendance of teachers at the Institute ed extension from Camden to this city. The Tuesday was nearly fifty and a few others are still expected to arrive. The session are treating with the South Carolina & Georges full of interest and the teachers close traffic arrangements between Camden the purpose, it is said, to arrange a through freight and passenger schedule over the two found to serve all purposes for the River& Charleston, it is not probable that that system will incur the heavy out'ay for building an independent line from Camden to Sumter and Charleston. It is a significant coincidence that none of the prominent officials of the O. R. & C. bave stated that the road would be built through to Charleston from Camden, but that the assertions to that effect have come from other sources. It has been stated more than once that the O. R. and C. would establish a line to Charleston, but this may be done at much less expense by means of a traffic is to be hoped, of course, that the road from Camden will be built, but it is too uncertain to build any calculations on at present, and will be until the officials of the O. R. and C. make a definite announcement of their intention to build the extension in the near future.

The Gaffney City Ledger states in the last issue that a prominent official of the Ohio River and Charleston Railroad has announced that the road will complete the extension to Spartanburg via Gaffoey City from Blacksburg, on which work is now in progress, at once, and will then proceed to build the Camden and Sumter extension. When the two extensions have been completed the entire road will be morigaged to raise money to build across the mountains from Marion,

What the Shakers of Mount Lebanon know more about than anybody else, is the use of herbs and how to be healthy.

The Shaker Digestive Cordial is prepared nutritious, need not necessarily be expensive. is a notable number of that magezine A by the Shakers from herbs and plants with a It helps the stomach digest its food, and

Way" is continued in this number of "The beth Bisland, in "The Difference Between It cures the nausea, loss of appetite, pain Queen." Besides the above there is a de- Mrs. A and Mrs. B," defines the exactions in the stomach, headache, giddiness, weakpartment on Art Embroidery, Home Deco- that "The Four Hundred," or the domin - ness and all the other symptoms of indiges-

## ATTORNEY AT LAW.

Prompt attention to all business entrusted to him. Office on Court House Square, in Blanding office.

## GINNERS! Buyers!

## THE LOWER B

You need specially ruled books to keep a correct record of your business.

We have the books you need—the best made. We will sell them cheap and want to supply you.

We have a full stock of all kinds of blank books, office supplies, stationery, school books, etc. New goods now being received.

## 

## H. G. OSTEEN

LIBERTY STREET, SUMTER, S. C.

# JUST RECEIVED,

AT

# H. Harby's

EXTENSIVE

## STABLES AND WAREROOMS:

One car load Wagons,

One car load Lime,

One car load Cement,

One car load Fire Brick, One car load 4 ft. Standard Laths.

One car load Hay,

One car load Ship Stuff,

One car load Cotton Seed Hulls.

Persons needing any of the above mentioned goods can obtain lowest prices by calling on him, as he buys by the quantity for cash

## Harby.

Sumter, S. C., August 13, 1897.

232 Meeting Street, Charleston, S. C. STATE AGENTS FOR SALE OF



Tin Plate,

Sheet Iron,

Supplies,

Galvanized

Gutter

Tippers'

Over 200 different styles of Cooking and Heating Stover. Also Oil Cookers and Heaters. We want the leading merchant in every town in the State to sell our lines of Stoves. We guarantee full protection in his territory to each agent we appoint If not sold in your town send direct to us for cuts and prices.

## Machinery.

SEE THE LATEST

## BALL BEARING MOWING MACHINE



Buy none but the Deering; it is the best up-to-date Mower. YOUNG, MACHINERY OF ALL DESCRIPTIONS.

H. B. Bloom.

Sumter, S, C,