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"O Earth, Earth, Earth, hear the word of the Lord!"—*Jeremiah.*

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## P R E F A C E.

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The world is filled with books. The author, like the passenger who pushes into a crowded omnibus, feels like making an apology. My apology is an extract from an opinion of the Rev. J. M. Sherwood, D.D., the editor of the *Homiletic Review*, who examined the first draft of this book. He wrote:

"The manuscript itself is an extraordinary one. It does what George and other writers and theorists on the land-tenure question have failed to do—gone to the Bible, to the institutes of Moses and the legislation under the theocracy, to determine the matter. And I confess to a great surprise, he *establishes*, clear as sunlight, one of the fundamental points of George's theory, while he *routs*, *annihilates* another essential doctrine which

he teaches, and which is the one of the greatest evil and danger.

“The argument is certainly an original one, and contrary, as a whole, to the received ideas, held and taught in our social science and political economy text-books. And yet it will and must commend itself to all fair minded, thinking people. I do believe it is an eminently timely little treatise (it will make but a small book), and that its publication would shed much light on a most perplexing subject, now before the public mind, and go far to guide the public sentiment to a wise decision in the matter.”

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Thanks are due to the Rev. James Park, D.D., of Knoxville, Tenn., for reading the proofs.



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