

and then will leave with John S. Maclean on a cross-country lecture trip to the Coast. Mr. Maclean is driving Mr. Ingersoll to California, stopping en route wherever a call for a lecture makes a stop profitable.

The following itinerary had been completed by Mr. Ingersoll at the time of this report:

Dec. 27—Columbus, O., Washington Gladden Class at the New First Congregational Church, 9:30 a. m. About 60 at meeting, mostly men of the best type, including professors, lawyers, financiers. The talk was a half hour, followed by a question period lasting about an hour. This church is the Fosdick replica in Columbus, and the preacher in his sermon came to the Single Tax threshold a dozen times, due probably to ten years' contact with Mr. Maclean. From 8 to 12 that evening Mr. Maclean had 25 neighbors visit at his home to listen to a talk on Single Tax by Mr. Ingersoll.

Dec. 29—Columbus, O., Mercator Club, at 12 noon. The topic was "Business versus Monopoly." Out of a membership of 59, 50 were present, due probably to a fine advance press notice. Talked 30 minutes, followed by question period.

Dec. 31—Hamilton, O., Rotary Club, noon; 65 present; a fine meeting; talked for 30 minutes, followed by a very fine quiz.

Jan. 4—Cincinnati, O., People's Church, Rev. Herbert Bigelow, pastor; 20-minute talk and 20-minute quiz; 200 present; fine audience.

The following are dates that were in the making:

Jan. 5—Lexington, Ky., Transylvania College, chapel, at 10 a. m.
Jan. 6—Danville, Ky., Centre College, assembly for men, at 9:00 a. m., and assembly for women at 10 a. m.,

Jan. 7—Winchester, Ky., Chamber of Commerce.

Jan. 8—Lexington, Ky., Board of Commerce, annual banquet.

Jan. 12—New Albany, Ind., New Albany Business College.

Jan. 13—Bowling Green, Ky., Bowling Green Business University, 9:20 a. m.

Jan. 14—Paducah, Ky., West Kentucky Industrial College, 11:30 a. m.

Jan. 15—Paducah, Ky., Augusta Tilghman High School, 11:00 a. m.

Jan. 18—Nashville, Tenn., George Peabody College for Teachers, student body at chapel and classes; also Fall's Business College, 11 to 12 a. m.

Jan. 19—Jackson, Tenn., Exchange Club, 12:15 noon.

Jan. 20—Jackson, Tenn., Union University. Student body at chapel, 9:10 to 9:40 a. m.; class in political science, 9:50 to 10:50 a. m.

Jan. 21—Hot Springs National Park, senior high school.

Jan. 22—Fayetteville, Ark., University of Arkansas, 8 p. m.

Jan. 27—Fort Smith, Ark., Rotary Club, 12:10 noon.

Jan. 28—Little Rock, Ark., Rotary Club, 12:15 noon.

Jan. 29—Tulsa, Okla., Tulsa Business College, 10:30 a. m.

Feb. 2—Shawnee, Okla., Rotary Club, 12:15 noon.

Feb. 3—Dallas, Tex., Draughton's Business College, 11 a. m.; also Dallas, Tex., Young Men's Christian Association.

Feb. 4—Wichita Falls, Tex., Rotary Club, noon.

Feb. 5—Cleburne, Tex., Lions Club, noon; also Fort Worth, Tex., Texas Christian University, 10 a. m.

Feb. 8—Waco, Tex., Baylor University, and Rotary Club, 12:15 noon.

Feb. 9—Denison, Tex., High School, 1 p. m.

Feb. 10—Abilene, Tex., Kiwanis Club, noon.

Feb. 11—El Paso, Tex., Chamber of Commerce.

Feb. 12—Deming, N. Mex., Rotary Club, 12:10 noon.

Feb. 16—Clifton, Ariz., Chamber of Commerce, 8 p. m.

Feb. 18—Douglas, Ariz., Kiwanis Club, noon.

Feb. 25—Yuma, Ariz., Kiwanis Club.

Feb. 29—La Jolla, Calif., La Jolla High School.

March 3—San Diego, Calif., Rotary Club, noon.

There may be some changes in the above dates, and per-

haps more engagements en route. We are sending out notices to California for engagements in that State.

From the Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., comes the following addressed to Walter Fairchild, Secretary of the Manhattan Single Tax Club:

Your Mr. Ingersoll visited Transylvania yesterday and addressed the members of the faculty and student body on the subject of taxation. Mr. Ingersoll is a very thoughtful man and succeeded in making us think.

As chairman of the faculty committee on chapel exercises, I wish to thank you for giving us the privilege of hearing Mr. Ingersoll.

EDWARD SAXON.

It is an important part of the programme of this trip to organize local Single Tax groups at every available place, subject to the approval of local Single Taxers, to advance the cause of Single Tax.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club is maintaining its standard policy of distributing an immense amount of literature on the Single Tax, and is a headquarters for books and tracts on this question, for sale and free distribution.

MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB.

(Beatrice Cohen, Assistant Secretary.)

Mr. Hennessy Analyzes Home Construction Plan

IN the *Real Estate Magazine* for December Hon. Charles O'Connor Hennessy analyzes President Hoover's proposals as to home loan discount banks. Mr. Hennessy, the head of the Franklin Society for Home-Building and Savings, is a recognized authority on the question of home owning. He says:

"A second purpose stated by the President was so seemingly desirable, if possible, that it was favored with large headlines and appreciative comment in many newspapers. It was:

"To put the various types of institutions loaning on mortgage in a position to assist in the revival of home construction in many parts of the country, with a resultant increase in employment."

"Now, the purpose here stated seems to be based upon a misconception on the part of the President's advisers of the most important facts of the existing situation, apart from the legal incapacity or unwillingness of the chief lending institutions to co-operate. It is my view that in most parts of the country there is no actual need for stimulating, through a possibly dangerous inflation of credit facilities, any 'revival' of home construction. I believe that in the large centers of population there is now a supply of housing accommodations of all sorts equal to or in excess of present demand. I may add my opinion that past reckless overstimulation of mortgage credits, both as to individual dwellings and those of the multiple type, was responsible for much of the existing business prostration. It was the chief source of encouragement to the era of reckless price-boosting and real estate speculation, both rural and urban, which led straight to the period of inevitable saturation and deflation and the incidental suffering through which the country is passing today.

"I am sure there are many thoughtful and experienced readers of *Real Estate Magazine* who might agree that a

large part of our present-day troubles is due to too much and too fluent credit facilities during the speculative orgies of recent years, both in the real estate markets and on the Stock Exchange. Need I point to the billions of dollars that trustful investors were led, through high-pressure salesmanship, to place in certain real estate bonds, now badly deflated and discredited, and into other real estate securities that are now uncollectible for anything like their face values? In the South and West, where the failure of thousands of banks has spread loss and misery among hundreds of thousands of people, it has been revealed that too easy credit in support of unwarranted or illegitimate real estate speculations was, too often, the cause of disaster. Few of us like to face unpalatable truths, but honest men, to whom God may have given some vision, should in times of adversity seek to derive some measure of wisdom for the future out of the obvious errors of the past."

Oscar Geiger in Lecture Field

OSCAR H. GEIGER has now definitely entered the lecture field for the metropolitan area and is filling engagements under the auspices of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Manhattan Single Tax Club. He is also doing lecture work independently as he has always done.

In making the foregoing announcement LAND AND FREEDOM realizes that this is a most important step in the welfare of the movement, for we have in Mr. Geiger an outstanding figure in the knowledge of our philosophy, with the power to impress inquiring students.

He has had, as most of our readers know, a long platform experience. Besides, he knows the books, having a profound knowledge of the economics of the schools and able to refute errors with a keen power of analysis. He is essentially a teacher and knows how to approach different kinds of minds. This lesson he has learned in his divinity education from his early Hebrew and Catholic teachers, and we say boldly that in this regard at least he is the equal of any of our platform speakers.

His most recent addresses have been before the Social Science Club of the Brooklyn Technical High School; the Exchange Club of Lynbrook, L. I.; the Young Men's and Women's Hebrew Association of Paterson, N. J.; the Literary Social Circle of New York City; the Young Men's Hebrew Association at Lexington Avenue and 92d street, New York City, and the Open Forum of the Young Israel Synagogue, 229 East Broadway.

Mr. Geiger's talks include such topics as "The Philosophy of Henry George;" "Hard Times: Cause and Cure," "The Single Tax," "Taxation: What It Is and How It Should Be Applied;" "Charity or Justice, Which?" and discussions of the inadequacy of socialism and the failure of capitalism as it at present prevails.

Letters received from those who have heard Mr. Geiger speak convince us that he should be kept at this work. We are glad to say that arrangements are now being made that will make it possible for Mr. Geiger to continue and enlarge the work upon which he has entered.

We add a few extracts from letters of commendation received.

James G. Blauvelt, of Ridgewood, who presided at the Paterson meeting:

"Mr. Geiger's address was of a high order. He held the attention even in his explanation and analysis of wealth and distribution, which I regard as a feat. He talked only on the economic side, for he was limited as to time, and we think he has few equals. He is convincing, his sincerity appeals, and his intelligence may conquer."

Morris Van Veen, who heard Mr. Geiger, whom he calls "the schoolmaster of the Henry George philosophy," at the Jewish Community House before an audience of young people, writes enthusiastically:

"The simplicity, the logic, with which each thought was used to build upon higher foundations was really a delight. He held his audience to the very end and his listeners took in each statement. I am sure the Socialists and Communists were routed, for during the question period they seemed to lack the courage to attack him. I trust Mr. Geiger will have many opportunities in the near future to present our philosophy and that he will be kept in the field by those who know his splendid abilities."

From Sophie Roget Spanjaard, president of the Literary and Social Circle, came the following tribute:

"May I express the satisfaction we all had with the results of your debate with Mr. Vernon D. Reynolds on 'Single Tax versus Socialism' on Sunday, Dec. 27. It was truly instructive and made it clear, if that were necessary after the many talks on the Single Tax and the philosophy of Henry George you have given us, that there is no other solution but the Single Tax for our economic ills and the social evils arising out of them. We regret you will not be able to speak to us every Sunday evening as you have been doing, and hope your plans may include an occasional talk at which we will try to arrange an especially good attendance."

E. Yancey Cohen writes to Mr. Geiger:

"I note with interest your plan to take up lecture work for the cause, and certainly no one could do more acceptable work in this line than yourself. The fact that you made such a success of your son's economic training leads me to believe that you will teach your audiences the errors of their ways and point out to them the certain road to truth."

Land of No Importance

BANKERS and other business men unite in urging people to stop hoarding their money, to bring it out of hiding from banks or domestic seclusion, and put it to work employing labor. Is there anything in the shape of a pill or a hypodermic or a knock on the head that we can administer to these well-intentioned gentlemen that will make them recognize land as one of the essential factors in this unemployment problem? They talk about men and they talk about money, but land they mention never.—*Tax Facts*, Los Angeles, Calif.

THE fact of unemployment is now accepted by the party press, and writers therein refrain from comment. So far as politicians are concerned the out-of-workers have come to stay. This being so, it is for those who are idle against their will to take action. The C. L. P. point the way. Unemployment is the direct and inescapable consequence of idle land.—*London Commonwealth*.