

Dr. Norman Kilbourne, our old friend R. E. Chadwick, and others—the entire number of the committee not yet being complete.

In San Francisco, Mr. Alper is making connections with business men and organizations, as well as with a group of very efficient labor men who are profound believers in the movement. The same is true of Mr. Lowney in Los Angeles.

In San Diego, Mr. E. M. Stangland is actively engaged in letter-writing and appearing before organizations and pressing our proposition with skill and efficiency.

In the central valleys of California our most active representative is George W. Cartwright, of Modesto, who is carrying on extensive letterwriting and arranging to appear before a number of bodies.

I should not omit Mr. Fred W. Workman, of Pacific Grove, who is a tower of strength in his part of the State.

Mrs. Anna George de Mille, now visiting her former State, is rendering every possible assistance.

I have, of course, not enumerated many who are rendering active and energetic assistance but whose responsibility is largely self-imposed while less strenuous than those whose names have been given.

A notable feature of the campaign so far is the large amount of new blood infused into the movement. This was to be expected, because as I have had occasion to say to our friends in several Eastern cities, we do not know the strength of our own cause nor the extent to which it has entered into the public consciousness.

Are we likely to succeed? It is of course, too early, with a sixteen months' campaign ahead of us, to speak with absolute assurance, the more so that we all understand that we have before us an extremely bitter campaign, which will grow the more so as election day approaches. This campaign on the part of our opponents will be financed to an extent with which we cannot hope to compete. All the forces of reaction will be against us. Nevertheless, with justice on our side, for we are told, "Thrice armed is he who hath his quarrel just," we believe we are bound to secure victory.

Will the friends of the movement in the United States back us with their power, which for the most part represents dollars they can give? We believe we have a right to appeal to them if they care as much for the cause as they profess. If they possess sufficient imagination to understand that this means the transfer within a limited period of time, of all taxation upon tangible personal property and improvements to land values, and that this will involve the ultimate transfer of \$100,000,000 a year from privilege to industry—if they believe that such a transfer will by its example and results lead the way for a movement which will extend throughout the United States and even abroad, and that a great blow for freedom will be struck, they will not hesitate to come forward in the most generous manner.

With all this our friends the enemy have done their share to assist us. By imposing recent sales taxes, they have opened the way for us not only to get rid of them—and that is part of our programme—but at the same time to show that all taxation upon tangible personal property and upon improvements is nothing but a sales tax. Thus they have intensified the struggle and put weapons against themselves into our hands.

What will your readers do about it?

Palo Alto, Calif.

JACKSON H. RALSTON.

CHILD labor is but one of the evils resulting from employment of adults with childish ideas as legislators. Just now these legislators think they are helping the child laborers by fussing with a proposed constitutional amendment which leaves fundamental causes alone. An amendment doing away with fundamental evils would be strenuously opposed by them.

Henry George Congress To Meet September 23-25

SINGLE TAXERS from all sections of the United States will assemble in New York City, September 23-25, for the Tenth Annual Henry George Congress, and New York Georgists are already actively at work cooperating with the officers of the Henry George Foundation for the purpose of making this year's convention of the greatest possible practical value to the movement and to all persons participating.

A special effort is being made to secure Hon. Cordell Hull, Secretary of State, as one of the principal convention speakers, and if Mr. Hull is able to accept he will likely discuss the tariff question, as the Secretary of State is one of the strongest advocates of the lowering of tariff barriers between nations. As heretofore, some of the outstanding men and women in the Single Tax movement, will address the convention. The speaking programme this year will, however, be greatly curtailed, and those who are to address the convention will be carefully selected with a view to co-ordinating and directing the discussion along channels likely to result in definite contributions to the advancement of the Single Tax movement.

As we go to press, it is too early to make definite announcements as to the details of the convention programme, but among those tentatively listed to address public sessions of the convention are Mayor Wm. N. McNair and Councilman George E. Evans, of Pittsburgh, Congressman Charles R. Eckert, of Pennsylvania, Peter Witt of Cleveland, Mrs. Anna George de Mille and Charles O'Connor Hennessy of New York.

Edmund P. Donovan, of the Henry George New York School, has been appointed Chairman of the Convention Committee, and among those who will serve with him on this committee are Joseph Dana Miller, Leonard T. Recker, Mrs. Anna George de Mille, Miss Charlotte O. Schetter, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Frederic C. Leibuscher, Benjamin W. Burger, Mrs. Terese F. Burger, Miss Helen D. Denbigh, Otto K. Dorn, Charles H. Ingersoll, Bolton Hall, Lawson Purdy, Frank Chodorov, Walter Fairchild, Harry Weinberger, Norman C. B. Fowles, John Lawrence Monroe, Clayton J. Ewing, Abe D. Waldauer, Carl D. Smith, John H. Allen, Will Atkinson, Charles G. Baldwin, Harold Sudell, Grace Isabel Colbron, Walter G. Stewart, Otto Cullman, Fenton Lawson, J. C. Lincoln, Dr. Mark Millikin, Harry W. Olney, August Williges, Fiske Warern. Mr. Folke, famous Danish Single Taxer, is coming and there is also a prospect of having Mr. A. W. Madson with us.

As has been the custom, the convention will be in continuous session for a three-day period, opening on Mon-

day morning, September 23. It is planned to devote the first day's session largely to the activities of the Henry George School of Social Science and the Henry George Fellowship, and those active in the School and the Fellowship are working with the convention committee with a view to having a very large representation of the younger element, not only from New York but from various other cities and towns where Extension Classes have been conducted with marked success.

Invitations will go out through the mail to the thousands of active Single Taxers giving further details concerning the programme and other arrangements, and all who plan to participate are urged to make early reservations and cooperate toward making this year's convention one of the best ever held.

The Hotel New Yorker is the place selected for the Conference.

An Appeal to Single Taxers for Action

FROM THE LAND LEAGUE

IT is proposed that we make a determined effort, through petitions to legislators, to vote for taxation of land values, and an intelligent, persistent, and widely supported follow-up of legislators.

The means to accomplish this would consist in a membership large enough to merit the attention of legislators. One legislator would then be requested to introduce a measure, and all legislators would be urgently requested by the full membership, to support such a measure. The League would follow up the voting, and the members would use this information as a guide in the next election.

It is hoped that a nucleus of such an organization can be had among those already converted to Single Tax. This is an appeal to them to register with the League, and to sign and mail application for membership. There are no dues and no obligations beyond the promise of political cooperation. There will be no affiliation with any political party.

Please address the Association as follows:

American Association for Scientific Taxation,
11 Park Place, N. Y., N. Y.

No card will be filed except with the individual envelope in which it was mailed to the League's office. This will certify to the genuineness of the list, and make for effectiveness.

It is hoped that some effective work can be accomplished with an initial membership of present Single Taxers, but it is our purpose to make a drive to enroll the unemployed, the underpaid, the tax victim, and every other citizen who can be made to see that he is a victim of the dumped labor and enforced idleness of land monopoly. It may be possible to do this over the radio, and by any other means the members can suggest. It is felt that a most effective means for enrolling the general public will be the advertising and agitation resulting from the introduction and follow-up of bills in each legislature. There is probably no better inducement to membership in a society than the sight of action, and the opening provided to the individual to take part in action.

Yours for action

COMMITTEE OF THE LAND LEAGUE.

WHEN a government costs thirteen billions a year to maintain and won't even prevent a depression what do we get for our money?

Commencement Dinner of The Henry George School

AN event of great interest to Single Taxers in New York was the Third Commencement Dinner of the Henry George School of Social Science, which was held on Thursday, June 13, at the Town Hall. One hundred and fifteen certificates were issued by the School to those who had completed the course. A large gathering met to welcome the graduates into the Henry George Fellowship, and to hear brief addresses from both old and new friends of the Single Tax. It was a great pleasure to have as guests of honor Mrs. Nina C. Geiger, Dr. George R. Geiger, and his young wife.

Mr. Harry C. Weinberger acted as toastmaster. The first speaker was Mr. Raymond V. McNally, who said that the Henry George School teaches the doctrine of real freedom, not the freedom of the Liberty League. Mr. Harold S. Buttenheim, editor of *The American City*, who has been actively interested in the subject of slum clearance, said that the housing problem will never be solved until the land problem is. "Commodore" Walter Fairchild of the Mahwah River Yacht Club, issued a hearty invitation to all to attend the annual outing there on June 29. Miss Charlotte Schetter spoke briefly, and Miss Helen D. Denbigh reported that the work of the School is now being carried on in classes throughout fourteen States. Dr. George R. Geiger asked to be excused from making a long address, explaining that he was on both a vacation and his honeymoon. He spoke, however, on the need for a popular approach to economics from a new angle; the necessity of getting away from clichés of capitalism, money, etc., and back to the really vital issue, the land question. The majority interpret this literally and narrowly, consider the land question to have reference merely to agriculture, rural communities, the farm, and dismiss the idea glibly as old-fashioned and outmoded. The Henry George School, he said, teaches the true significance of the land question, which, as we know, has a direct and inescapable relation to and influence upon every economic activity of man. His next book, Dr. Geiger said, would probably deal with this topic.

Mr. O. K. Dorn introduced the graduates. First to speak was Miss Sally Kurz. She expressed the regret of all present at the illness of Director Norman C. B. Fowles, which prevented his attending the dinner. She paid tribute to the inspiration and enlightenment his pupils had received from him. The graduates gave a rising vote of thanks for his leadership, and requested that he reconsider his decision to resign as director. Dr. Osias L. Friedman, after voicing his appreciation of the course, remarked that the meeting was too silent. People with a great idea like ours should be seething with the