

discussion of Methods of Propaganda, was attended by about fifty persons.

The National Single Tax League, the Manhattan Single Tax Club and the N. Y. State Single Tax League were invited to send speakers to represent their organizations, and to outline their respective programmes. The only organization which acknowledged or accepted the invitation was the N. Y. State Single Tax League which sent its field Secretary and Lecturer, Mr. James F. Morton, Jr., who reported on the organization's activities in an able manner and endorsed the idea that different groups, working perhaps in different lines, should nevertheless strive to work in harmony and charity with each other. Philadelphia sent worthy champions of the party idea to the dinner in the persons of Messrs. Robert C. Macauley and James A. Robinson, whose brilliant speeches for political action and separate party organization backed as they were by the old enthusiasm which energized our movement in the early days, had a startling effect. Mr. Blech, of the Land Party, spoke in favor of the Party idea for this State and proposed for that organization a definite programme designed to gather all Single Taxers into a coherent militant propaganda movement by way of the ballot box. The programme was to nominate by petition an entire city ticket, with candidates for assembly and senate also. To do this three thousand signatures of voters within the city are needed for the city candidates, fifteen hundred in any county or borough and in the assembly and senate districts five per cent. of the aggregate vote cast for governor at last election in those districts. It was pointed out that the propaganda of the past twenty years was confessedly weak if there were not now many more than the required number of Single Taxers within the city, and that whether or not they were in favor of joining the party they certainly should help getting the party on the ballot so that those who wish to vote for the Single Tax may do so. After a number of speakers from the floor had expressed their individual ideas, Mr. Wm. J. Wallace presented the following resolution:

"Resolved that it is the belief of this meeting

that the earth should be the common property of all men and that all of our political acts should be in conformity with this belief."

The resolution was duly put and carried unanimously.

RHODE ISLAND

We have to thank the Henry George Lecture Bureau for the presence here of two of its able speakers—in January Mr. John Z. White, and in the early part of March Miss Grace Isabell Colbron.

Miss Colbron was in the State on the first and second Sunday of the month and most of the intervening days. On March 4 she spoke at the Civic Forum, conducted by women in one of our Providence Theatres, and in the evening at the People's Forum, carried on for years by the Rhode Island Tax Reform Association.

Her other engagements were at the Moses Brown School; the George J. West Club; the Women's Department of Brown University; Washington Park Improvement Society; State Normal School; R. I. Equal Suffrage Association; Bristol Suffrage Club, and again on the 11th at the People's Forum in Providence.

Our Permissive Act, enabling any town or city in the State to transfer taxes from labor products to land values, still remains in the Judiciary committee of the State Senate. Whether acted upon, or not, at this session of the legislature I am strongly of the opinion that an educational campaign should be carried on here during the coming Summer. In this view the other Single Taxers of the State coincide.

The time has arrived, we think, to arouse the people as a whole to the urgent need of untaxing industry in Rhode Island. Last Summer we made more of a speaking campaign than ever before—every Saturday night at the steps of the Providence City Hall, every Sunday afternoon from the hotel veranda of our principal shore resort, and every Sunday evening through the People's Forum.

We had to depend almost entirely upon our local speakers; but what we need is the presence and assistance of others willing to devote weeks to the creation of a public senti-

ment which will compel action by a large city or by the State as a whole. A few outside speakers, like Billy Radcliff and Bengough, together with such volunteers as may be willing to spend their Summer vacations in this State, would enable us to work wonders among our urban and manufacturing populations.

An agitation of the kind outlined above doubtless would not be advisable in many States, especially the larger ones which are without the popular initiative and referendum, but in this compact community of 600,000 souls the effort is well worth the making—
LUCIUS F. C. GARVIN.

HON. F. F. INGRAM, of Detroit, is to be congratulated on the success of the Open Forum in that city to which he is giving so much of his time. Among those who have held forth to large audiences are Prof. Scott Nearing, who spoke on "Work and Owning for a Living;" Max Eastman on "War and the Struggle for Liberty;" Louis Wallis, the title of whose address was "Can the Church Survive Preaching Half the Gospel?" and Tenement House Commissioner Murphy, of New York, who spoke on the tenement house question and advocated tax exemption. Other speakers were H. L. C. Forler and Joseph Labadie.

A LITTLE PAMPHLET, "Free speech and Free Press," by Harry Weinberger reprinted from *The Fra* is before us. It is well worth reading, logical, eloquent and persuasive. Mr. Weinberger is a New York Single Taxer, a member of the Manhattan Single Tax Club, and a speaker and writer whose work has brought him into rapidly increasing prominence.

THE Utica Free Academy will take the affirmative side of the question: "Resolved, that the Single Tax is preferable to the present method of taxation" in an inter-school debate with the Syracuse Central High School.

THE ingenious defense of a pickpocket tariff has been the deplorable perversion of the intellect of some of the most admirable men.

THE COMING ATLANTIC CITY CONFERENCE

What promises to be the greatest Single Tax Conference ever held in the history of the movement will take place at Atlantic City on April 13, 14 and 15, in the parlors of the St. Charles Hotel.

Last Autumn California cast a vote of more than 260,000 for the Great Adventure Measure to restore the land to the people of the State. "Luke North" was the leader of this campaign and he will be present at this great gathering. To welcome him, to give him the encouragement of the presence, advice and enthusiasm of the greatest number that can be brought together, and to blazon to the world that one-third of the voters of the great State of California have signified their adhesion to the principles for which we contend, is the object of this Conference. Because everything points to this Conference being the most representative ever got together, ways and means of advancing the cause will form the subjects of discussion, and the widest latitude will be given to the advocates of different methods of propoganda as well as different methods of organization. The Constitution printed in this number (see page 99) will be discussed and may be recommended for adoption.

This Conference, originating in the desire and the need of making known to the world what has transpired in the State of California, and the splendid spontaneity of the response from every section of the country, will mark a beginning of a new era, a new harmony and unity of purpose, the closing up of our ranks for an advance on the enemy. It is big with the promise of victory; it augurs a united front, with the disappearance of all but minor differences, and of those mistakes which have resulted from the absence of democratic forms of administration. These mistakes are coming now to be perceived. For their commission no one in particular is to blame; the errors of policy are to be attributed, not to any one individual, but to the system mistakenly adopted several years ago and perpetuated in the absence of a national organization that should be reponsive