

passing. He was a graduate of Amherst College in the class of 1855. He studied at Oberlin and then embracing the Swedenborgian faith, taught at Urbana University, Urbana. Going from there to the theological school of the denomination at Cambridge, Mass., he was ordained into the ministry and held pastorate for many years at St. Louis, Peoria, Lowell, Boston, and elsewhere, and then took the duties of State Missionary of Massachusetts. He has long been a frequent contributor to the papers of his church and to the general press, being a regular correspondent of his home paper for many years.

"In 1863 he married Mary Cathcart, who died not many years later. Two of his children are living, Chas. H. Hardon, of Pomona, and Mrs. J. W. Hazeltorn of Contoocook, New Hampshire. He is also survived by an elder brother, Henry Hardon, of Providence, R. I., and sister, Miss Martha Hardon, of this city and also by a niece, Mrs. Emma Rogers, who is spending the winter here."

PROF. LEWIS JEROME JOHNSON  
(See frontispiece)

Lewis J. Johnson, Professor of Civil Engineering at Harvard, is President of the Massachusetts Single Tax League, National Committeeman of the National Single Tax League, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Direct Legislation League, and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. These are but a few of his many activities. As an active participant in the co-operation in engineering instruction recently established between Harvard and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, he has become Professor of Civil Engineering in the latter institution also.

He was born in Milford, Mass., in 1867, graduated from Harvard in 1887, and pursued his professional studies in Switzerland and France. On returning was made Instructor in Engineering at Harvard.

Prof. Johnson is author of "Statics by Algebraic and Graphic Methods" and many papers of a scientific and professional nature. Single Taxers are more familiar with his writ-

ings on taxation included in pamphlets which have been widely distributed.

Prof. Johnson is an exceedingly forcible advocate of the Single Tax. His scientific training has contributed to a certain precision of reasoning and statement which are probably inherent intellectual traits. His experience with the pen has further reinforced these natural aptitudes for directness and conciseness, so that his exposition leaves small room for the exercise of the blue pencil.

FROM THE FIELD

JAMES F. MORTON REVIEWS HIS LECTURE WORK

The coming of Fall marks the beginning of a new season's campaign for the Single Tax. The New York State Single Tax League, as some of the readers already know, faces some unexpected difficulties this year, but has no reason for lasting discouragement. The Labor Day Conference was abandoned, by advice of many friends of the League and of the Single Tax, as inexpedient just at present, while problems of war and peace are stirring up violent emotions on all sides. Personally, I favored holding the Conference, guarding against unwise disputation by confining its attention rigorously to matters directly connected with the Single Tax and its propaganda, but it may be that the counsel which prevailed was wiser. In any case, the Conference was not given up on account of any diminution of interest, although the attendance would naturally have been somewhat lessened through the absence of those who are under special pressure of duties imposed by war conditions.

Regardless of the decision as to the Conference, an extremely energetic field campaign was planned for the coming season; and the steps already taken toward its accomplishment were meeting with gratifying response from different quarters, when the sudden loss of one of the main financial supporters of the work, and a complication of business difficulties involving a number of local Single Taxers and requiring for some time to come a very intense application of effort on the part of the chief executive

officers of the League in another direction, seriously disarranged our entire schedule, and has caused unfortunate delays in starting the field work on as active a scale as had been intended. I have, however, begun to make engagements, in the confidence that sufficient financial backing will develop, as in part already promised, so that we shall not fail to take advantage of the doors that have been opened to us.

Even under the best conditions, not many engagements would be made for dates prior to October. As it is, I have already (before Sept. 15) addressed the granges of Millerton and Wappingers Falls, meeting in each case with a very friendly response. The New York State Grange, at its last annual session, appointed a committee to investigate and report with reference to the relation of the Single Tax to the agricultural interests; and this gives a special entering wedge this year among the granges, of which the League is trying to take full advantage. If a sufficient number of them can be reached between now and February, that the seed may be well sown, it will have a marked effect on the debates of the State Grange, which convenes in February, and on the action which will be taken by that body. A few staunch Single Taxers in the organization are prepared to put up a strong fight; and it is of vital importance that we avail ourselves of this crucial opportunity to reach as many as possible of the granges of the State. If the League does not fail of the adequate financial support, there is still time to do this work well; but for complete assurance of the result desired, the friends of the League should do their part as quickly as possible. Contributions sent to Benjamin Doblin, 258 Broadway, will be of double or treble their usual value, if made available at once. The importance of winning the farmers is so apparent, that no further word should be needed. Of course, engagements are being planned with other bodies as well; but for the next few months no work will be of more immediate importance than that among the granges.

A few Single Taxers have suggested that in time of war our Single Tax work had best be largely suspended. This is the counsel of despair. Never in the history of our

nation was the tax question more in the foreground; and at no time was there greater need of instilling sound doctrines on the subject. We cannot afford to relinquish the war against privilege for a single day. Ground temporarily abandoned is not easily regained. The enemy never sleeps. My personal experience, moreover, has taught me that people are as ready to listen just now as they ever have been. Even were it otherwise, the preservation of our own morale and the necessity of not losing the vital touch with all our co-workers would be ample reason for maintaining the continuity of our activities, however adverse the conditions might appear to be. When peace comes, it must find us ready and equipped for the tremendous fight that will then be at once on hand between the forces of special privilege and those of economic democracy. Not one of the existing agencies of Single Tax propaganda should be neglected or suffered to fall into disuse.

In the next issue of the REVIEW, I shall submit a full report of my activities for the past year, such as would have been prepared for the Conference, had the same been held. For the present, I think it best that correspondence addressed to me be sent to my residence address, 211 West 138th St., New York, N. Y., as I will thus receive it more quickly.—JAMES F. MORTON, JR.

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#### JAMES R. BROWN'S LECTURE WORK

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A review of the lecture work of James R. Brown from December 1, 1916, to July 1, 1917, will be of much interest to readers of the REVIEW. During the period named Mr. Brown has addressed 115 meetings in all, which may be classified as follows: Forums, 13; universities and colleges, 22; churches, 24; business men's organizations, 31; granges, 7; labor unions, 2; Y. M. C. A.'s, 5; women suffrage meetings, 2 and Single Tax clubs, 9. The total attendance at these meetings was 13,274, at which 15,000 pieces of literature were distributed.

Though Mr. Brown varied the titles of his addresses the subject was always the Single Tax. At the Providence, R. I. Forum his