

The Coming International Single Tax Conference at Oxford, England

OUR readers know of the coming International Single Tax Conference which will take place at Ruskin College, Oxford, England, August 13 to 20. We quote from *Land and Liberty*, of London:

All who hope or expect to be present should write at once to the United Committee, 11 Tothill street, London, S.W.1, placing their names on the list of those who are likely to attend. During the past month an encouraging number of members have been enrolled. The arrangements are proceeding and a comprehensive syllabus of instructive lectures is being drawn up. The terms for complete board and lodging at the College will be £3 3s. per week—that is, for the first 45 who enroll. The next 30 can have meals in the College at the common table, and rooms or apartments for them will be engaged in the immediate vicinity. For the rest, it will be necessary to book both board and lodging outside the College. These matters will all be suitably arranged by the conveners of the Conference. The main thing is to join as soon as possible. We shall be pleased to have definite word, where possible, from all who intend being present.

The event has aroused increasing interest among the workers here. At a meeting held at the Hotel McAlpin, this city, on Saturday, March 24th, where a fair representative gathering of the active Single Taxers was held, a spirited appeal was made by James A. Robinson, in which the opportunity presented by the conference to gain the attention of the world was the keynote of the address. Mr. Robinson urged that every one who could by any possibility attend should make all sacrifice to be there. William J. Wallace and Joseph Dana Miller added their voices to this appeal.

The following were appointed as a Conference Committee: Messrs. VanVeen, Lloyd and Loew. Those contemplating going from this city are William J. Wallace, Herman G. Loew, George Lloyd and wife, Miss Corinne Carpenter, George R. Macey, and others. Those in the city or out of town who contemplate going are earnestly requested to get in touch with the Committee here having the matter in charge for information. They can be addressed care of the REVIEW. The Committee will render any service to those intending to go and will work in co-operation with the English Committee having the matter in charge.

We do not think that any Single Taxer who can make the trip and add his influence to the great work that it is possible for the Conference to effect on world thought, should hesitate. The time is propitious for such an event. Our readers must remember that here at Oxford will gather representatives from almost every country in the world. The press of the world must pay attention to the deliberations of such a gathering, and the effect of its declarations may have an influence on more than one of the chancelleries of a distracted Europe. For here will be many members of the British Parliament, delegates from Germany seeking to establish a democratic form of government on the ruins

wrought by the Hohenzollerns, from Denmark, where the first real step in national legislation in our direction has been accomplished, from Spain, where the Single Tax movement has found a foothold, from the Argentine and other parts of South America, where the banner of the land for the people has been lifted high, and from the British colonies where this movement is not unknown. It is impossible to predict what the effect may be, but the opportunity presented is radiant with promise.

It may be the turning point in the history of our movement. A new declaration of principles in line with the doctrines of our great teacher, will disclose to the world where the movement stands and what it aims at. The restoration of man's equal rights to the use of the earth, the utter destruction of those barriers which keep the producers of the world apart, will receive a positive and formal expression which will dramatize a great movement and arrest the attention of those who are seeking to escape from the paternalism which is threatening the liberties of mankind.

The Philadelphia Single Tax Party was among the first of the groups of Single Taxers to go on record in favor of the proposal which came first from our devoted British comrades. Among those who announce their intention of being present from that city are: James A. Robinson, Robert C. Macauley, Miss Frances Macauley, George A. Haug, Charles Schoales, William J. Schaeffer, John Dix, Mrs. John Dix, James Dunn, Hugo Monroe, Henry Hetzel, George W. Marks, Joseph Haggerty, John Goldsmith, Frank Pfrommer, William G. Wright, Rodney Emsley, Joseph H. Breuner, Frederick E. Meyer, and William R. Kline.

This splendid delegation will be added to when other meetings are held and the matter presented.

Oliver McKnight, who has been carrying on an intensive campaign for the coming Conference, sends us a letter received from Albert J. Nock, Acting Editor of the *Freeman* in which he says:

"I hope that the international conference next August will be highly successful, as I have no doubt it will. I would enjoy attending it myself and shall do so if I can."

J. A. Hamm, of Oklahoma, whom those attendant at the Chicago Convention will remember, has announced his intention of going.

Land and Liberty gives the following list of those who to date have signified their intention of being present:

From Denmark, 8; from Sweden, 2; from Spain, 4; from Germany, 2; from the United States of America, 3; from London, 17; from Glasgow, 6; from Edinburgh, 4; from Yorkshire, 6; from other parts of the country, 1; total, 62. In addition to these definite intimations, many have written that they are trying to fix Summer holidays to coincide with the Oxford date.

The May-June issue of the REVIEW will be able to give fuller details.