

not opposed to it. He also pointed to the still larger number who had not voted at all. He declared that these voters must be reached to win the State, and to do this needed the co-operation of Single Taxers everywhere.

He then directed attention to the tremendous importance of the International Single Tax Conference to be held at Oxford, England, August 13th to 20th, 1923, and said that regardless of all obstacles, it was the sacred duty of everyone present to attend the conference.

At the conclusion of Mr. Macauley's speech one young man, James Black, said "he seemed to speak directly to me." Very likely everyone else thought the same thing.

The chairman then announced Mr. James A. Robinson, whose popularity was shown by the splendid ovation that he received. As there were present many who had but a slight knowledge of the basic principles of Single Tax, Mr. Robinson devoted a large part of his address to an exposition of its philosophy. He pointed to the injustice of the present system, and to the inevitable poverty and suffering that follow. He explained the beauty and justice of Single Tax, and the happiness that it would bring to mankind.

The effect of Mr. Robinson's speech may be judged by the remark of one young lady, Mrs. James Black, who declared that in future she would vote for Single Tax and get all her friends to do the same. This young lady is very popular among a large circle of friends. No doubt many more went out from this reception with the same missionary impulse.

Mr. J. B. Chamberlain, who is one of our most effective campaign speakers, revealed himself in a new light. His anecdotes and humorous stories were one of the big hits of the evening, and added greatly to the success of the reception.

Mr. Oliver McKnight showed his devotion to the cause and his high regard for Mr. Macauley by sending an original poem of welcome.

When the addresses were finished, the chairman told all present to make themselves at home, and invited everybody to the commodious ballroom of the Party.

The Entertainment Committee, Mr. George Haug, Rodney Emsley and Raymond James, had provided a splendid orchestra which furnished music for the dancing.

This feature of the programme was greatly enjoyed and Mr. Sobel received requests from twelve young men to be admitted to the Party. At a previous celebration, held in December to celebrate our great gain in the recent election, we received a number of new members.

The great value of these social gatherings is that they bring us in contact with a large number of young men and young women whom we could meet in no other way. It is simply working in harmony with the social instincts of the young.

The result may be seen from the following extracts from *The Philadelphia Record*, May 18, 1923:

"A social club as an auxiliary to the Single Tax Party was formed yesterday. The object of the association is to furnish a meeting place for young persons. The officers elected

were: President, Raymond James; Vice-Presidents, John Koch and Harry Weisher; Executive Secretary, Pearl Sobel; Recording Secretary, Rodney Emsley, and Treasurer, D. Oscar Sobel."

This plan, if adopted in other communities, would, in my opinion, be rewarded by a rapid growth of Single Tax sentiment among the young. CHARLES J. SCHOALES.

Committee of the East Welcomes Back Macauley and Robinson

ON May 10, members of the Committee of the East and their friends held a dinner at the Civic Club, N.Y. City, to welcome Messrs. Macauley and Robinson on their return from California and to listen to their reports of Single Tax conditions in that State.

W. J. Wallace presided. He paid a tribute to the efficient and self-sacrificing work of these two men, saying that it was not in our power to repay them. And he added with quiet emphasis, "We shall be in California in 1924."

Lawrence Tracy, Chairman of the New York Single Tax Party, said while it was impossible for us to predict the results of any given course of conduct, he believed that our action would help to speed the work in California, and thanked Messrs. Macauley and Robinson in the name of the New York Party.

George Lloyd said that he thanked God in a most reverent spirit that he had been permitted to do his small part in this great work. At a time when humanity was staggering in the dark it was a great privilege to know that we were the bearers of the message that alone could save the world.

Mr. VanVeen told a good story in characteristic fashion and used the story to point a moral.

Mr. Macauley reviewed in a temperate tone his experience in California, and announced his plan to organize the State for the fight in 1924. He said that the California vote had cost us just six cents a man, and he had urged on the Republican campaign manager that a Single Taxer might profitably be called in to run the Republican campaign next year!

James H. Robinson read a poem by the indefatigable Oliver McKnight, of Centreville, Md. He paid an eloquent tribute to Lona Ingham Robinson, on whom had devolved so much of the work of the campaign.

Chairman Wallace now called upon Antonio Bastida. Mr. Bastida is here on a visit from Cuba. Chairman Wallace referred to him as one of the first members of the Single Tax Party, and, indeed, one of its organizers.

Mr. Bastida considered himself exceedingly favored that after three years' absence he was again permitted to sit down with his old friends. He used as his text the Fourth Commandment, ending with "the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," to impress upon his hearers that Single Taxers had the support of the Scriptures in their most authoritative utterance.

Miss Grace Isabel Colbron said, Internationalist as she had always been she was thrilled by the announcement of the coming world conference of Single Taxers at Oxford. She saw great possibilities in the conference. It might be able to convey to the world the message that will keep humanity from tearing itself to pieces. She spoke feelingly of the many kindnesses shown her while travelling abroad, by Single Taxers from all countries, especially from Denmark, Sweden and Germany. She had not joined the Single Tax Party but she was in favor of every form of Single Tax activity.

The coming Oxford conference was referred to by nearly all the speakers, and Messrs. Macauley and Robinson dwelt upon it at length, urging upon all to bend every effort to be present.

Other speakers were Miss Charlotte Schetter, Mrs. Hampton, Amy Mali Hicks, Wm. B. DuBois and George R. Macey.

A telegram was received, addressed to Messrs. Macauley and Robinson, from Cornelius Donovan and Albert Firmin, as follows:

"Welcome to our city. With you in spirit, though cannot be present. Good wishes and congratulations."

Wm. J. Hoggson telegraphed as follows:

"Regret cannot be with you. Please extend my sincere congratulations to Messrs. Macauley and MacGregor on the splendid work they have done in California."

Dr. M. M. Brill sent this telegram:

"Sorry I cannot be with you, but desire to express my appreciation for the good work that has been done. Best wishes for great success."

He was a public spirited citizen and was especially active in the "Torrens Law" reform movement in which he took an active part, writing and speaking for it whenever opportunity offered.

His conduct of the Register's office was marked by an efficiency never before reached in the administration of that department of the city's business. The *New York World* pays him this tribute on its editorial page:

"John J. Hopper set a fine example to other men prominent in business by his willingness to turn his experience to account in public office, by his introducing improved methods in the city service, and by the courageous independence with which he more than once defied political bosses and machines. New York City could use more many men of his excellent type."

It is to be regretted that Mr. Hopper had not given more fully of his talents to the militant exposition of the principles of Henry George, in which he so sincerely believed. But his attitude to the movement was determined by the bent of his mind toward moderation and compromise. Could he have chosen differently, he would have left the impress of his work and personality on the history of his city. As it is, his name must soon cease to be spoken save by his friends who recall a kindly spirit and a devotion to civic matters of only minor importance to our teeming population.

Services for our late friend were held at his home in this city at 352 W. 121st street. Many Single Taxers were present, including Hon. Edward Polak, Morris VanVeen, Robert Schalkenbach, Whidden Graham, George R. Macey, Joseph Fink, James R. Brown, John Scully, George Everett and others.

Recent Deaths

JOHN J. HOPPER

THE sudden death of John J. Hopper on May 16 came as a great shock to his old-time associates in the Single Tax cause. He had been so long a prominent figure in the local movement, though not so well known to Single Taxers outside the State, that few gatherings of the friends of the cause were complete without his presence.

He chose to work in his own way, and was not a Single Tax Party man, though he ran on the Single Tax ticket for Register. He ran also on the Torrens Law Party ticket and received a vote of 17,000, though a much larger vote was looked for.

Mr. Hopper was nationally a Democrat, and was the fusion candidate for Register of New York County in 1913 and was elected. In 1910 he was the Independence League's candidate for Governor, but was defeated.

He was born in New York seventy years ago of Dutch and Irish ancestry. His father was the late Isaac Hopper. He was educated in the public schools of this city and graduated from Dartmouth in 1877. Later he took a course in engineering at the Thayer School at Dartmouth, and began the career that gave him an honorable position among the engineers of the city.

C. M. CARR

REVIEW readers will learn with sincere sorrow of the death of C. M. Carr. He was rounding a curve in his automobile thirty miles south of Colorado Springs, Colorado, there were deep ruts in the road and the car overturned. He was found dead under the car when discovered.

Mr. Carr was prominent in the Bucklin campaign. He was active in many ways. He was a contributor to the Henry George Lecture Bureau conducted by F. H. Monroe. Twenty years ago he sent sets of Henry George's works to all the colleges in Mexico, and it is not unreasonable to believe that this had some effect on the thought of the young students who later entered public life. Acting with a few others he was able to liberalize the Oklahoma Constitution to permit of the adoption of the Single Tax by the legislature without constitutional amendment. He was strongly of the opinion that Oregon was the next battleground for the Single Tax, and only a few months ago addressed a circular letter to the Single Taxers of the United States pledging a substantial contribution to future campaigns in that State.

He was sixty-four years old and was born in Clinton, Iowa. He was a doctor of dentistry, had invented a number of dental instruments, on which he made a good deal of