

packing houses to pay the same rate of tax as others, the city going largely Republican except for Rose on the mayoralty. The packers, water works and other large corporations have been assessed at five to ten per cent. of actual value heretofore, and others at fifty to seventy per cent. The Missouri Pacific Railway was assessed at fifty dollars per acre on eighty acres in the heart of the city, which real estate men value at \$10,000 per acre, and five other railways similarly favored. Rose removed the Republican assessor and appointed an honest Republican, the Republican council refusing to confirm a Democrat.

The ostensible excuse for attempting to oust Rose is that he has not strictly enforced the Prohibition law, though he has made more effort to do so than any of his Republican predecessors. Rose had closed all the gambling houses and policy shops, which had run openly for twenty years.

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#### MASSACHUSETTS.

##### WORK AMONG THE HIGH SCHOOLS—GOOD RESULTS OBTAINED—CONTEMPLATED WORK AMONG THE PASTORS.

Late in the autumn of 1904 Mr. John G. Pike strongly urged the Executive Committee to get into communication with high schools, debating societies, colleges and churches for the purpose of supplying them with literature and interesting them in the Single Tax.

The Executive Committee appointed a sub-committee to carry out this work. This sub-committee first of all sent out in January, 1905, circulars to 250 principals of high schools in Massachusetts asking them to receive literature and get it distributed in any debating societies or classes for economic study which may exist in connection with the schools. A printed list of questions suitable for study and discussion was enclosed. In reply 37 favorable answers were received almost all of which gladly offered to study and distribute the literature.

To all who had responded to the Committee's circular parcels of Single Tax literature were forwarded free. After a few weeks had elapsed the Committee sent to these same correspondents another circular asking them to be good enough to report results and to say whether the students had been interested in the literature and in the land question; what discussions, if any, had been carried on, and how far the question seemed to be understood.

The replies to these inquiries were generally of a very encouraging nature, many of the principals asking for further supplies of literature, and indicating a lively interest in the land question, and anticipating still greater interest when the question had been

further studied and was better understood.

The Committee's circular intimated to the teachers that this effort on the part of the League was entirely experimental, and asked for any suggestions they could offer which may be of use for the further work of the League. Many interesting and gratifying replies were received.

The Executive Committee is well satisfied with the results of the first attempt to interest teachers and senior scholars in Single Tax doctrines, and believe they have hit on a line of work which will be fruitful of good in other directions. It is in contemplation to send out this coming autumn similar circulars to ministers of various denominations throughout Massachusetts. Since "the earth is the Lord's," and He has "given it to the children of men," ministers may be supposed to be specially interested in seeing that the property is properly administered. We hope for good results.

Following is the list of questions proposed by the Massachusetts League as subjects for debate:

1. Would the Single Tax method of raising public revenue be beneficial or otherwise to the community?
2. What would be the effect of the Single Tax on (a) Wages? (b) Capital? (c) Rent? (d) Wealth production? (e) On the moral condition of society?
3. Would it be most advisable to apply the Single Tax at once by substituting it for all other taxation for revenue, or gradually by remitting other taxes as the Single Tax was increased?
4. Is private property in land justifiable morally or economically?
5. What would be gained economically and morally by substituting direct taxation for our present methods?
6. What effect would the Single Tax have on trust monopoly?

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#### MISSOURI.

##### THE LOCAL WORK IN ST. LOUIS—ACTIVITY AMONG THE WOMEN.

Single Tax matters in St. Louis are livening up somewhat now that the Fall season is on. The "Informal Club," which meets at the Holy Communion Church, 27th and Washington Avenue, once a week, has had its initial meeting for the season, and started off with a good attendance. There is no organization in its make-up, simply a "come-together" class of students, who are reading George's "Progress and Poverty" and dissecting its philosophy. Messrs. Louis Cohen and J. W. Steele, the latter one of the "old guard," are the promoters, and the pastor of the church is an attendant and fellow student.