

tor. The subject was public utilities, and after explaining the nature of these, it was pointed out that if the monopoly feature were extracted from them, the benefit would go to landowners. We will lose in ground rent all we gain from curtailing monopoly charges. Mr. Mercer shook hands, and said that that remark was worth all the rest of the talk. He might be interpreted variously.

#### JAMES R. BROWN.

James R. Brown, whose portrait appears elsewhere in the *Review* and whose class in Political Economy has been one of the effective educational methods adopted by the Manhattan Single Tax Club during the winter, is perhaps one of the strongest debaters in the movement. He is a very "Hammer of Thor" with some unfortunate socialist as his opponent.

Mr. Brown has volunteered his services to the Henry George Lecture Association under the direction of Mr. Frederick H. Monroe, as lecturer for New York and vicinity. In addition to the paid lecturers whose expenses must be met by contributions, Mr. Monroe will avail himself of local lecturers in fields where speakers will give their time without cost. The only expense incurred for local lecturers will be in printing and circularizing, but Mr. Monroe estimates that \$500.00 will be needed to effectually organize each local lecture district.

Mr. Brown is a valuable addition to the forces which Mr. Monroe is so effectively organizing for agitation.

#### WORK OF THE MASSACHUSETTS LEAGUE.

The Executive Committee of the Massachusetts Single Tax League sent circulars, such as were referred to in the January number of the *Review*, to principals of high schools throughout the State enclosing the series of questions for debate which were given in the January number. The Committee had answers from thirty-four accepting its offer, from six who declined for sufficient reasons and from only one who refused, and accordingly sent the literature to those who were willing to receive it, and before the end of the current school season will write to those to whom literature was furnished to learn the results. The Committee was greatly encouraged by the responses received and will plan early in the coming Fall to renew the work and to furnish much more literature than it was able to furnish at the time when the circulars were sent in January. It is hoped that the responses will be such that ultimately there may be requests and opportunities for speakers to address audiences on the Single Tax.

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#### DEATH OF GEORGE ADAMS.

Again, as is sadly customary with the passing of the quarter, we are obliged to chronicle the death of a faithful worker. This time it is George Adams, of Greeley, Colorado, whose death occurred March 12th. The grim conqueror found him with the temple of the spirit broken down, but the spirit itself unvanquished.

Mr. Adams was an old man—he had long passed the allotted three score and ten. But for years, and indeed only a few days before his death, his letters were frequent and welcome visitors. Occasionally there was a note of discouragement in the brave old fighter's epistles, but for the most part it was one of confidence in the ultimate triumph of the cause. Perhaps the chief regret of this kindly and sympathetic nature was his own enfeebled condition which left him small strength for the struggle. As late as a year ago, he wrote almost quaintly: "My time is about done here." Time is indeed done for him; let us hope that immortality has begun.

Mr. Adams was one of those present at the Cooper Union Conference now nearly twenty years passed, and of this he once wrote: "It is a continuous pleasure to me to think of those times when we were able to meet those whose memories are still very dear to us."

Brave, faithful, kindly soul! How helpful were his ministrations one example among many shall suffice, and this may be gathered from an extract from a recent letter to the *REVIEW* by Raymond B. Piper, of Greeley, one of Mr. Adams' converts to whom he left his economic library, bidding him carry on the work where he had laid it down. Mr. Piper writes: "To me he has been a savior, in that he raised the dark veil of skepticism from my eyes, and caused me to look upon nature and revelation as I had never looked before."

#### COMMUNICATION.

Editor of the SINGLE TAX REVIEW :

Some recent events have indicated a need for some degree of limitation of private land ownership.

The Federal Government desiring to erect a light-house, presumably for the public good, made overtures to the owner of one of the beautiful islands upon our coast; demand was made for compensation as some five acres were needed. After many years of delay and contention decision was made that on payment of seventy-five thousand dollars the light house might be built, the reservation being five acres.

Effort was made to demand one hundred thousand but the lesser sum prevailed. The entire island was assessed at sixty thousand dollars for taxation. So the papers state. Inasmuch as the entire appropriation for the building and ground