

PROPOSED NEW YORK SINGLE TAX COLONY.

The article of the writer, in the last number of the *SINGLE TAX REVIEW* suggesting the establishment of a Single Tax colony near New York City, has aroused great interest among Single Taxers everywhere and the proposition has been very favorably received.

The Manhattan Single Tax Club and the Brooklyn Single Tax League have had the subject up for consideration and its merits presented by the undersigned, and the result has been that twenty persons have enrolled their names as members of an organization committee to carry the project forward. The signers to the committee enrollment include some of the most active and well known Single Taxers in New York City. They have given their warmest approval and cooperation to the undertaking and are willing to do what they can to further it, while recognizing the difficulties of attaining success and the limitations involved in any local application of the Single Tax principle under existing conditions.

Correspondence with Single Taxers outside of New York City has also resulted in several more names being added to the committee, subscribers in this way are obtaining local membership and the project is thus securing friends in different parts of the country.

The Fairhope Single Taxers have given the kindest words of approval and encouragement, as well as the benefits of their experience.

As a result of the *REVIEW* article and incidental correspondence letters of advice and approval have been received from some of the best known Single Taxers in the country, which would be given in full if space permitted in this communication.

Governor Garvin states that "Our theory is correct and the hour ripe for a trial. The water front appears to be essential. Tilling the soil is a secondary vocation in such an attempt, manufacturing standing first. Certainly a Single Taxer who was also a manufacturer should see his way clear to engaging in an enterprise in such a community. He would be sure not only of lower cost of production than elsewhere, but also of a superior class of employees. The details should be worked out very carefully by a small committee, which should include practical men as well as theorists. It ought to flourish and grow near New York City."

Hon. John De Witt Warner writes: "I can think of no more practical or promising demonstration of the 'Single Tax' principle than the establishment of such a colony—in which all the local developments shall be paid on the 'Single Tax' principle. The only question is whether means can be found adequately to test the 'Single Tax' principle by actual experiment. Personally, I have no doubt, whatever, of its success, or that this is the way in which the principle

must be demonstrated before it will be accepted. Five years of practical illustration would advance the cause more than fifty years of any conceivable propaganda by discussion about it."

Mr. E. B. Gaston says "there is no reason why the Single Tax plan cannot be applied with excellent results anywhere land can be secured." Mr. Prescott A. Parker states that "the plan is excellent and cannot fail to produce good results even under adverse conditions. Your vicinity (New York) is more favorable for a Single Tax colony than this (Alabama) for the reason that everything here is run by the county. If you can control an entire township it will be greatly to your advantage." Mr. J. Bellangee says that "the idea is all right and perfectly feasible. It will be as Fairhope has been, a great undertaking. The idea of free transportation is an entirely feasible one. It would give the renters New York privileges with only the slightest drawback of time consumed in the run between George City and New York." These latter three gentlemen are prominently identified with Fairhope, so their opinions and advice are very important.

A Brooklyn citizen offered, as a colony site, a tract of 400 acres in New Jersey, 30 acres free of cost, balance on liberal terms.

As soon as the committee is thought to be sufficiently large in numbers, the members will be called together and will organize and divide itself into small working subcommittees, and thus begins its operations of development. Membership in the committee does not involve an obligation to locate on the colony's grounds, nor contribution of funds or labor, but rather the cooperation of those who are friendly to the project and will give advice and encouragement to the committee. It is therefore hoped that other Single Taxers will enroll their names on the committee membership no matter where located, as all the moral help obtainable is required.

The organization committee's preamble is given below that all may know the conditions and purpose of membership, and which may be signed and sent to the undersigned, who will send an original subscription paper upon request.

T. F. GAYNOR,
18 Broadway, New York.

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO MEMBERSHIP IN ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK SINGLE TAX COLONY.

We, the undersigned, believing in the wisdom and practicability of establishing a Single Tax colony, near New York City, do hereby subscribe our names as members of an association to be known as the "ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE OF THE NEW YORK SINGLE TAX COLONY," the object of which is to take up and carry forward the matter of establishing a colony based upon the

"Single Tax" principle, as advocated by Henry George in his book, "Progress and Poverty," as well as it can be done in a colony under existing conditions, and

Said Colony to be located within the closest proximity to—and outside of the limits of New York City, and

This Committee to continue in existence until its work and attainments have reached a point, in its judgment, when a permanent organization can be created by it as its successor to take up and carry on the Colony, and to which this Committee is to turn over all its affairs without consideration of any kind, and which when done,

This Committee will be considered as having completed the object of its creation, and shall then be dissolved and go out of existence.

It is expressly understood that no obligation to locate upon the proposed Colony's properties is incurred in any manner by the members of this Committee, nor are any contributions or funds or services required as a necessary qualification for membership in this Committee.

It is, however, expected that each subscriber to membership believes in the objects for which this Committee is created, and will do all that lies in his or her power to cooperate with the Committee and do all he or she can in promoting its object.

This Committee shall have power to increase its membership, to make rules for the conduct of its affairs, and by a majority vote of all its membership it may expel an objectionable person for cause.

And, In Witness whereof, We hereunto sign our name and addresses.

LECTURE ASSIGNMENTS OF REV. HERBERT BIGELOW.

NEW YORK AND BROOKLYN.

Wed., Jan. 25, 8 p.m., Public Library Auditorium, Newark, N.J., Geo. L. Rusby in charge, Ph. 2230 Franklin. Address, 128 Fr.

Thurs., Jan. 26, 8 p.m., Dr. McGlynn Memorial Association, Bricklayer's Hall, 224 E. 24th Street, Sylvester Malone in charge. Business address, 220 Broadway.

Fri., Jan. 27, 8 p.m., Single Tax Club, 224 E. 62nd Street.

" Jan. 27, 4 p.m., Parlor Lecture, Residence, Miss Alice Carpenter, 74 Columbia Heights, Brooklyn; Fulton car to Orange Street.

Sat., Jan. 28, 8 p.m., Safety Engr., A. J. Smith, 227 West 121 Street, N.Y.C.

Sun., Jan. 29, 11 a.m., Hugh O. Pentecosts' Church, Lyric Hall, Sixth Avenue and 42nd Street.

" Jan. 29, 4 p.m., Fourth Unitarian Church, cor. 18th and Church Avenue, Flatbush, Brooklyn. Take Brighton Beach Br. Elevated to Church Avenue Station, or Flatbush Avenue car to

Church Avenue, Ph. Flatbush 505; H. B. Maurer, 626 35th Street.

" Jan. 29, 8 p.m., East Side Settlement House, 540 E. 76th Street. Wm. H. Keely, Headworker.

Mon., Jan. 30, 7.30 p.m., Garment Worker's Union, A. J. Smith.

" Jan. 30, 8.30 p.m., Sunrise Club, Cafe Boulevard, Second Avenue and Tenth Street, E. C. Walke, secretary, 224 W. 143rd Street.

Tues., Jan. 31, Lockwood Academy, 188 So. Oxford Street, Brooklyn; Fulton Street car to Oxford Street.

Wed., Feb. 1, Stereotyper's Union, No. 1. Address can be supplied by A. J. Boulton. Business address, *Citizen*, Brooklyn, N.Y.; residence, 211 Harrison Street, Brooklyn.

Thurs., Feb. 2, Electrician's Union, No. 8. Address can be supplied by A. J. Smith, 227 W. 121st Street, New York City.

Fr., Feb. 3, Manhattan Liberal Club, 220 E. 15th Street, New York City. E. C. Walker, president, 224 West 143rd Street.

IMPROVEMENTS EXEMPT IN EDMONTON.

This letter has just been received in Toronto by Mr. Louis A. Kirwin, from the Secretary-Treasurer of the town of Edmonton, Province of Alberta, North-West Territories, Canada:

Dear Sir:

Referring to yours of the 18th instant, I beg to inform you that under our new City Charter the assessment will be on (1) Land, (2) Businesses, (3) Incomes, (4) Special Franchises.

There will be no assessment on buildings. Until this question has been worked out to a definite footing it is impossible to say yet what proportion of the current expenditure will have to be produced by land taxation, but there is no doubt that it will be by far the heaviest portion, and it will be necessary to assess land at its full actual value. The other sources will undoubtedly produce a considerable revenue, but they must necessarily be of secondary importance.

Yours truly,

GEO. J. KINNAIRD,
Secretary-Treasurer.

It is a comforting reflection that curses sometimes "come home to roost." In Cincinnati, on the corner of Fourth and Walnut streets, there is a structure known as the Union Trust Building. The owners of this building were supporters of Herrick and Hanna in the State campaign, and loud in their denunciation of Johnson and the Single Tax. The assessment on their building has now been increased from \$360,000 to \$459,000, the land valuation remaining the same.