

have to changing these conditions. If the school at Fairhope could be made a permanent center for the demonstration of equality of opportunity in growth and education, no doubt all public and private schools would eventually accept these principles. They would see the evil of any system in which one child may languish and another flourish.

When the grading marking system is eliminated and the schools concentrate on the task of preserving the open mind throughout the growing years, and when all children experience equality of opportunity in growth, we may be sure the fundamental injustice of our economic system will be readily recognized.

—MARIETTA JOHNSON.

Lecture Tour of G. H. Duncan

DURING November and December George H. Duncan, field lecturer for the Henry George Lecture Association, has filled fifty-one engagements in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois, Alabama, Louisiana and Texas, the audiences comprising seventeen clubs, eighteen schools and colleges and fifteen churches, forum and special meetings and numbering over fourteen thousand.

In the Twin Cities, Minnesota, Mr. S. A. Stockwell, of Minneapolis, was exceedingly helpful in making arrangements, his long experience in public service causing people to give courteous and interested attention to a speaker for whom he vouched. It was also a pleasure to meet such Single Tax veterans as Robert Seibert, St. Paul, and Dr. Leonard, Minneapolis.

The tax system of Minnesota, although the usual conglomeration of unreasonable tax principles, contains several rays of light. Most Single Taxers are familiar with the 6 per cent ore and royalty tax, the result chiefly of the work of the late Carl Buell; also the assessment of various classes of property at different rates recognizes the restrictive effect of wrongly imposed taxes, while economic pressure forced the recent Legislature to exempt growing timber from taxation under certain circumstances.

In Wisconsin it was a pleasure to learn of the organization of the State League of Single Taxers, with Herman Reel, president, and Cornelius Leenhouts, secretary, both of Milwaukee. Former Judge Charles B. Rogers, Fort Atkinson, is also an interested worker.

A visit to Fairhope, Alabama, afforded an opportunity for a close investigation of this Single Tax experiment station, and an opportunity to become acquainted with such patriots as E. B. Gaston, A. E. Schalkenbach, Emil Knips, Fred T. Burnham and others. The experience of Fairhope reveals some aspects of the practical operation of the Single Tax which never occur to us who have been concerned chiefly with the theoretical side. To the shrewd, good-natured common-sense of Mr. Gaston and those associated with him we owe a debt which can hardly be appreciated.

The Texas Single Tax League, with Mr. William A. Black, San Antonio, as secretary, is doing a state-wide work for the cause second to none in the country except that of the Henry George Foundation in Pennsylvania. There has been built up a favorable public sentiment which, with a reasonable expense fund, could be translated into legislative enactments which would give Texas the largest measure of Single Tax of any state. Unfortunately however, here as elsewhere, the movement is cramped for lack of available funds. Already there are in effect a series of occupational taxes in such form as to closely approach the true Single Tax principles embodied in the Minnesota ore and royalty tax. A slight change would result in vast relief to active industry.

Activities of the Henry George Foundation

THE lecture service of the Henry George Foundation is being rapidly extended and promises to become an important department of its educational work. Secretary P. R. Williams, and William M. McNair, the latter of whom is both a zealous worker and an effective speaker, are now engaged in lecture tours that will cover every corner of Pennsylvania, and the campaign will probably be carried into neighboring states as soon as the present speaking schedule is completed. The significance of Pittsburgh's practical experience in land value taxation is being featured by the speakers in many of their addresses, but the "unadulterated" gospel of Henry George is presented where the opportunity is afforded.

During recent weeks Secretary Williams has addressed the Kiwanis Clubs of Altoona, Erie, Corry and Titusville, the Lions Clubs of Warren and Erie, and the Rotary Club of Titusville. Usually these meetings are attended by city or county officials interested in the taxation problem and everywhere the newspapers have given generous publicity to reports of the addresses.

Keen interest in land value taxation is now in evidence in Erie, where James B. Ellery is cooperating actively in arranging meetings, and is now planning to revive the Erie Single Tax Club. In this city officers and members of the Lions Club are seriously studying the tax problem and, in addition to their regular luncheon meeting, devoted an entire evening to round-table discussion with the speaker, following a dinner at the Shrine Club. In Warren, A. G. Beecher, veteran Single Tax worker and publisher of "Truth Seeker" literature, has been fighting the battle alone for many years, and is encouraged to see evidence of interest on the part of local newspapers and civic organizations.

William N. McNair, for years a prominent figure in political campaigns, both local and state, recently addressed the Lions Clubs of Reading, Lancaster and Pottsville and the Rotary Clubs of Slatington and Mahanoy City, on the