

LECTURE TOUR OF JAMES R. BROWN IN MEMORIAM—EDWARD McHUGH.

Following is the list of speaking dates filled by James R. Brown since our last report. Mr. Brown is the official lecturer of the New York State Single Tax League, and is making a tremendous impression in many cities and towns throughout the Empire State.

- Feb. 28. Unitarian Church.....Toronto.
- March 11. St. Marks Church....W. 53d St., N. Y. City
- " 13. Manhattan S. T. Club Dinner
- " 15. Temple Club.....Mt. Vernon.
- " 22. Womens Club.....Brooklyn
- " 23. Saratoga Springs
- " 24. Ketcham Corners.....Grange
- " 28. Unitarian Church....Middletown, N. Y.
- " 29. Pine Bush, N. Y.....Grange
- April 4. Forum.....Albany, N. Y.
- " 7. B. of Trade....Rensselaer, N.Y.
- " 7. City Imp. Club (noon luncheon) Albany, N. Y.
- " 9. Mens Club....St. Mary Church, N. Y. City
- " 11. Debate.....Albany.
- " 12. Methodist Church.....Albany.
- " 13. Peekskill.....B. of Trade.
- " 14. Y. M. C. A.. 307 W. 34th, N. Y.
- " 16. Collegiate Church..307 W. 34th St., N. Y. City
- " 17. M. S. T. Club Dinner
- " 20. Hamilton College..Clinton, N.Y. Three lectures of one hr. each.
- " 22. Syracuse University. Two lectures of one hr. each.
- " 24. Y. M. C. A.....Brooklyn.
- " 25. Brooklyn.....Phil. Society.
- " 27. Saratoga.....Church Club.
- May 3. Hoosick Falls .
- " 4. Schuylerville N. Y. S. T. Meeting.
- " 5. Greenwich....Baptist Church.
- " 12. Rochester University.....N. Y. Three lectures one hr. each.

MR. HERMAN LEMP, a well known electrical engineer, was one of the lecturers at the Erie, Pa., Public Library on April 9th, before the Erie Single Tax Club. The *Times* and *Herald* gave good reports.

(See frontispiece).

"Time like an ever rolling stream, bears all her sons away," and among those whom Mother Earth has folded to her bosom during recent years, none will be more deeply mourned than Edward McHugh, of Birkenhead, England. It is with a melancholy pleasure that I offer to the readers of the *Single Tax REVIEW* a few sincere words expressive of the high appreciation in which he was held by a wide circle of friends.

There are few among us who can hope to leave behind that recollection of personal charm, in kindness and geniality of manner, which shall give a lasting fragrance to our names, apart from any claim to remembrance we may have earned by our life work. It will be difficult indeed for Single Taxers to say whether Edward McHugh will be best remembered because of his unique personal qualities or on account of the splendid service he has rendered to the cause. The buoyancy and cheerfulness which so markedly distinguished him were a constant source of strength and stimulus to his privileged acquaintances, and no less a reproach to any tendency to despair at the slow grinding of the mills of God. But his optimism was not of the easy-chair description that expresses itself in a placid reliance on "streams of tendency" or evolutionary forces. He earned the right to his cheerfulness and optimism by identifying himself with, and making himself part of, those cosmic forces which he believed were carrying us to higher planes of civilization. His personality and contribution to the great cause of liberty would, either of them, have given him a warm place in our memories, but together entitle him to the tribute which we only pay to exceptional men.

My first acquaintance with the name of McHugh occurred about sixteen or seventeen years ago and before I had joined myself to the movement which has since become so integral a part of my own life. I received a letter on a matter of purely commercial business dated from "Single Tax Cot-

tage, Birkenhead" and signed by McHugh. In acknowledging the communication I congratulated the writer on his courage in thus nailing his colors to the mast, and expressed my sympathy with the principles he so openly avowed. I more than suspect that it was the fact of having thus committed myself to a stranger that set me thinking more seriously than before, and that led to my ultimately identifying myself with the Scottish League for the taxation of land values. May I present this incident as another example of the wisdom of the man who keeps his ideal always on evidence, and lets no opportunity slip of sowing a thought-provoking seed?

The details of Mr. McHugh's career as labor organizer and Single Tax propagandist are given so fully and succinctly in *The Public* for April 23, that it would be sheer plagiarism to repeat them. While I have always known of his titanic labors and achievements on behalf of the dock laborers union, the crofters in Skye, and in connection with the Irish Land League, it was in connection with Single Tax propaganda that my orbit to some extent intersected with that of Mr. McHugh, and there my admiration has always been divided between his power as a speaker and the kindly humorous and fascinating personality to which I have already referred. During the great Budget campaign of 1909 it was my privilege on a platform on Glasgow Green at the open-air demonstration held there, and on which Mr. McHugh was one of the chief speakers, and I shall not soon forget the forceful stirring speech in which he held a large audience in breathless attention.

Like all great fighters in just causes, Edward McHugh would, we may feel sure, have elected to die with his armor on, and that this desire has been granted him may well be assumed. Though all public reform propaganda in Great Britain has necessarily been suspended since the outbreak of the European war, it would be difficult to conceive of our lamented friend while strength remained with him, being other than a fighter for the cause he had so deeply at heart. To all who knew him, he will be permanently enrolled among the great

company of "those immortal dead who live again lives made better by their presence."
—ALEX. MACKENDRICK.

THE CAMPAIGN IN COLORADO SPRINGS—BEATEN BUT GAINING.

A meeting of the executive committee of the Colorado Springs Single Tax Club was called for January 20, 1915, to make a final decision on the question of submitting an amendment to the charter of the city providing for the adoption of Single Tax for municipal purposes. Previous to this meeting, we had been hoping for a long time to have a Single Tax campaign. A year before, Geo. J. Knapp had been engaged to copy the schedules of all tax payers, for the purpose of calculating who would save taxes by the Single Tax. The purpose was to send a letter to each taxpayer that saved, a statement as to how his taxes would be affected by the passage of municipal Single Tax. At this meeting there were present Dr. and Mrs. George A. Boyd, J. M. Poe, Dr. and Mrs. W. K. Sinton, Judge Robert Kerr, Mr. P. W. Bogardus, Dr. F. S. McKay, (president), and Mrs. S. E. Solly. Mr. J. W. McCleery, of Kansas City, was also present. There was considerable discussion as to the advisability of submitting the law; only two considered that it could be carried, and the others were either neutral or sure of defeat. Mr. Poe urged with great earnestness that we ought to submit the law, even if certain of defeat, in order to give the voters a chance to educate themselves upon the question, and to introduce the idea as soon as possible. He therefore made a motion that we proceed with the campaign with what funds were available. The motion was seconded, and carried with two votes dissenting.

At this meeting Judge Kerr submitted three rough drafts of proposed Single Tax amendment. The forms did not differ in essence but only in technicalities. He recommended the selection of the shortest one. By a vote of four to three the committee left the matter to his judgment.