

zeal for propagating the philosophy of freedom was never abated. Henry George's gospel never had a more enthusiastic and devoted advocate.

JOHN B. MCGAURAN.

Chicago Active Again

IT was a great dinner held by the Chicago Single Tax Club on the evening of Saturday, February 11th. It was indeed a pleasure to find one's self among a group of seventy-five to a hundred sympathetic souls. It was a pleasure to listen to speakers of individual characteristics, the wit and logic of John Z. White, the human sympathy and beauty of expression of Andrew P. Canning and the simplicity and sincerity of Wiley Mills Wright—these were what impressed me most in the three principal speeches of the evening.

Mr. Mills, as alderman of the Chicago City Council, does an invaluable work in bringing about a practical application of land value taxation principles; Mr. White, with his knowledge of history and human nature, is without a peer in the advocacy of the Henry George doctrine; and Mr. Canning has no equal in inspiring his hearers with a conviction of the justice of the remedy we advocate.

Mr. Mills told us something of his intimate relationship with Louis Post and described the funeral, which both Mr. Mills and Mr. Canning attended in Washington.

Mr. White pointed out in the course of his duties as toastmaster that the cause for the failure of democracy in the past has been the lack of knowledge. The aristocratic, land-owning class gradually became so tyrannical that the people realizing their misfortunes, would rebel eventually and get control of the government themselves. But not knowing the first principles in the governing of the great estates which the masses took upon themselves, the land-owning class would again seize the reins—and the whip. He quoted the verses by Don Sietz:

"The masses are asses
Who do as they're told,
Ridden to market
And traded for gold.
Once in a while,
To see how it feels,
They throw off their riders
And kick up their heels.
This being done
They halt in their track,
Whereupon their riders
Promptly climb back."

But he added, with a ray of optimism, that the Single Tax is the one economic reform that actually knows how scientifically, justly and equitably to manage the great public estate in the interests of all the people. The greatness of Henry George Mr. White emphasized as the pos-

session of great ideals and the requisite knowledge to a practical realization of these ideals.

James R. Brown, for whom the dinner was originally planned, was so ill that he was unable to make the trip from New York.

Mr. George C. Olcott read a fine paper on the Valuation of Urban Land which he had given at the Henry George Congress last September.

Mr. Henry Tideman was to give a talk on "Youth in the Single Tax Movement," but he very kindly relinquished this pleasant duty to the undersigned. I expressed on behalf of the young Single Taxers of Chicago appreciation of the efforts of Mr. Ewing, Mr. Murray and Mr. Tideman (officers of the Chicago Single Tax Club) in starting the bi-weekly Friday evening discussion meetings. The value of these gatherings lies not only in the opportunity they afford for self-expression on the floor, but in the stimulation which they give to our youthful adherents.

Marien Tideman is editing a little paper which announces and reviews the meetings, and this appears on the Tuesdays prior to the meetings. It is hoped that this little publication will grow to enable it to talk more in detail of Single Tax activities in the city and vicinity.

Many of those attending the meetings have been stimulated to a more serious study of "Progress and Poverty." And no one can call himself a Single Taxer until he has mastered that great work.

—JOHN LAWRENCE MONROE.

Chicago Prepares to Entertain Henry George Congress

THE third annual Henry George Congress will be held in Chicago on September 10, 11 and 12, and preparations for a great gathering are already under way. The invitation to go to Chicago this year was extended at the New York convention last September by Clayton J. Ewing, President of the Chicago Single Tax Club, and was gladly accepted, thus enabling all friends of the cause who appreciate the opportunity to meet and confer with their fellow-workers, to have ample time this year to make early plans.

President Evans announces the appointment of Mr. Ewing as Chairman of the Convention Committee. The new chairman has taken hold of his duties with enthusiasm and a strong committee is being organized to assist him in the preparations. The Congress Hotel has been chosen as the official convention headquarters and is offering us splendid facilities for the several sessions of the Congress. This hotel has an unexcelled location, being right in the heart of the city and yet having the advantages of the lake-front, and amidst the attractions of Michigan Boulevard.

This will be the first occasion that the Henry George Foundation has gone toward the West for its annual gathering, and the central location of Chicago is expected to