

"When the war is over and our land values attain a fairly stable level I hope to see the land speculator eliminated, and I hope to see our farmers take hold and do some real thinking. War prices have given them a second wind, but when the war is over they have got to do a whole lot better farming than they have ever done before. There will be no piling up of dollars while they sleep.—HENRY WALLACE, of Des Moines, in interview in *Country Gentleman*.

FROM THE FIELD

The report for the vacation months of the year will naturally not be a long one. The month of July was spent in New England, a single lecture on the Single Tax before the Green Acre Assembly at Eliot, Me., being the only public propaganda appearance. This met with a very cordial reception from the extremely fine body of men and women who meet annually in this unique forum of broad and helpful thinking.

In August, came the trip to the Fels Fund Conference at Niagara Falls. This remarkable gathering, fraught with the highest benefits to our cause, is described in detail elsewhere in this issue. My own work there was confined to a brief presentation of the work of the New York State Single Tax League and to participation in the business affairs of the Conference.

Through the intervention of Miss L. E. Northrup of Ellicottville, I was invited to address a large outing in the grove at Maples, in Cattaraugus County. The gathering was under the auspices of the Order of Maccabees, and was composed largely of farmers from the neighboring villages. Some 400 or 500 listened with close attention to a presentation of the Single Tax, with special application to the needs of the rural districts.

On a short visit to Jamestown and Chautauqua, I was somewhat unexpectedly invited to speak before the Chautauqua Assembly, my presence there falling on the last week day of the session. My lecture,

which was on "The Justice and Reason of the Single Tax," was, curiously enough, the closing Chautauqua lecture of the present season. Under the conditions, and at the short notice given, not much of an attendance was expected; but the Hall of Philosophy was well filled, and the most intense interest was exhibited, being manifested by careful attention, generous applause, and the remaining of the audience to a late hour to ask many pertinent questions. The occasion was of special significance as a practical test of the interest of Chautauqua attendants in the presentation of the subject of taxation; and the unexpected demonstration of general eagerness to listen to the topic is liable to prove a factor in convincing the Chautauqua management of the desirability of carrying out the proposition to devote a week next summer to the subject.

At the suggestion of the editor of the *REVIEW*, I spent a couple of days in Milton, in the attractive farm house where he rests from his arduous editorial labors. Some good work was accomplished by our joint labors with the other summer boarders; and a meeting was arranged in the public square of the neighboring town of Marlborough, where from 50 to 75 men and women gave rather better than the usual attention of an outdoor audience.

The fall season has now opened. I shall spend much of September and October in central New York, many dates having already been made in different places. From the middle of October until Election Day, Nov. 7, I shall be in or near New York City, and shall be glad to accept invitations to speak at nearby points. After the Syracuse Conference of Nov. 11, at which I hope to meet all the New York readers of the *REVIEW*, I shall remain on the road until Christmas, probably spending most of my time in eastern New York. As always, I shall welcome correspondence from all parts of the State with reference to future engagements. My address is 68 William St., New York City, from which letters are promptly forwarded.—JAMES F. MORTON, Jr.