

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AMERICAN SINGLE TAX LEAGUE.

The American Single Tax League has entered its second year. The purpose of its founders was to establish a central intelligence office for Single Taxers, to compile as large a list as possible of the Single Taxers of the United States and Canada, and to stimulate, wherever opportunity should offer, work for the cause. To the extent of its means and ability the League has carried out its intent.

A special situation existing in Rhode Island has obliged the League to direct the largest part of its attention to this one field, and at the present writing, the results seem to have fully justified that course.

The Conference at which the League was organized was held in November, 1907, and immediately, after January, 1st, 1908 a small office was taken on Union Square at a rental of \$20.00 per month and necessary furniture and fixtures secured. Miss L. Leitch has served as stenographer and otherwise at a moderate salary and with some intermission, has remained until the present time.

There was received from F. C. Leubuscher, being the surplus left over after the expenses of the Conference were paid.....	\$428.97
Total amount received from dues and subscriptions was.....	1,066.89
In order to pay some pressing bills, four members of the League advanced as a loan the sum of...	100.00
Received for Rhode Island work.....	300.00
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	\$1,895.86

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rent.....	\$190.00
Rhode Island Fund...	870.07
Salary.....	435.00
Furniture and Fixtures.	46.15
Printing, Stationery & Advertising.....	136.50

Telephone.....	29.45
Office expenses & postage.....	166.25
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	\$1,873.42
Outstanding bills payable for telephone, rent, stationery, printing, etc.....	240.00
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	\$2,113.42
Leaving a deficit of.....	\$217.56

In addition to the contributions made to the Rhode Island Fund, Mr. Joseph Fels subscribed \$500.00 which is not here included.

The work of the League has been reported from month to month in the Single Tax REVIEW and it is only necessary to refer briefly to the various kinds of work which have been undertaken. Rhode Island demanded most of our time and means, and a central office was taken in Westminster Street, in the very heart of the City of Providence, and a number of speakers were sent by the American Single Tax League in the early part of 1908 to arouse interest. Mr. Frank Stephens, of Philadelphia, Mr. James McGregor, Mr. Bolton Hall and the Secretary of the League spoke before various bodies in January and February.

The signatures of a number of prominent citizens were secured in support of a Local Option Bill and a hearing was given on March 20th, but the Bill was not reported.

During the summer a campaign conducted chiefly by local Single Taxers, among others, George D. Liddell, was carried on, and arrangements made for the commencement of a new campaign in the spring.

During the summer and fall experience demonstrated that public attention was so riveted upon national politics and the presidential election that it was difficult to secure support, and with a view to economy the work was suspended until after election. From the beginning of November on however, the work has been resumed and a large amount of correspondence has been conducted. Letters are being continually received from all parts of the country asking for information and suggestions, and a list of nearly 10,000 names has been com-

piled, and new names are being received daily from active workers over the country.

Owing to the apathetic conditions last year it was deemed impossible to secure a list of Committeemen for the various States as contemplated by the Constitution, but now Committees have been selected in the following States:

Arizona: Capt. O'Connor, Duquesne; N. A. Vynne, Prescott.

California: Joseph Leggett, James H. Barry, Stephen Potter, F. W. Lynch.

Colorado: Hon. James W. Bucklin, Colorado Springs.

District of Columbia: Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, Spencer Heath, Mrs. Gertrude Mackenzie, F. L. Siddons, C. F. Nesbit.

Indiana: G. A. Briggs, Elkhart; L. O. Bishop, Clinton.

Illinois: Frank Bode, Springfield; F. D. Butler, Chicago.

Iowa: Frank Vierth.

Kansas: R. T. Snediker, W. H. T. Wakefield, W. W. Rose.

Maine: Oliver Otis.

Maryland: J. H. Ralston.

Massachusetts: C. B. Fillebrown, James R. Carret, M. C. O'Neill, W. L. Crosman.

Montana: I. D. Rognlien, Kalispell; Warren C. Niles, Mosby.

Nebraska: E. C. Clark, L. J. Quinby.

New Jersey: Percy S. Marcellus, So. Orange; George Rusby, Nutley; Wm. B. DuBois, Bayonne; E. Y. Cohen, Palisade; Miss Charlotte Schetter, Orange.

North Dakota: E. P. Totten.

Ohio: J. B. Vining, Frank H. Howe of Columbus, Albert C. Holloway, Daniel Kiefer.

Oregon: W. S. U'Ren, A. D. Cridge.

Pennsylvania: C. R. Eckert, W. L. Ross, C. F. Shandrew, J. H. Dix.

So. Dakota: Hon. Levi McGee.

Tennessee: A. Freeland, J. S. Billings.

Texas: E. G. LeStourgeon, J. C. Porterfield, J. G. H. Buck, J. J. Pastoriza, Prof. L. Keasby.

Washington: James Barron of Everett.

Wisconsin: C. Leenhouts.

In some instances the number of these committeemen will be increased, as many of them have not yet answered our letter.

We have recently sent out the following

list of suggestions as to the work of these committees:

1. To organize by selecting a chairman and secretary.

2. To ascertain whether any bills are before the state legislatures relating to taxation, which should be helped or opposed.

3. To learn if there is any active Single Tax work being done in the State, or if there is any direction in which work can be stimulated.

4. To arrange for lectures under the auspices of local bodies. The League will prepare a list of men who can be called upon in the various localities.

5. To aid in the collection of funds to be used in those States where active work is in progress.

6. To arrange or stimulate celebration of Henry George Day at as many points as possible.

7. To see that libraries carry copies of Henry George's books and other books on the topics of human freedom.

8. To watch the press and write or cause to be written, letters to editors and others advocating Single Tax principles. To encourage agitation and discussion before churches, schools and colleges.

9. To secure the introduction of at least one Single Tax measure in every legislature. To question all candidates as to their position on the question of exempting industry and taxing privilege.

10. To secure the names of all persons who favor our ideas and through them to secure the names of others.

11. To secure subscribers for *The Public* and the Single Tax REVIEW, and to circulate Single Tax literature. Seeing that your copies when read, are left in libraries, barber shops, and other public places.

The League will be glad to receive suggestions as to persons to be appointed in the States where the quota of committeemen is not yet filled.

While it may be in the nature of a forecast, the League desires to say that the present outlook is distinctly encouraging, and refers to the report elsewhere printed in the REVIEW of the progress of the work in Rhode Island, and the progress which is being made towards the gathering of the Fels Fund.

The Secretary of the League, being on a business trip from Feb. 1st to Feb. 15th, had an opportunity to visit Single Taxers in the following cities: Providence, Albany, Rochester, Buffalo, Detroit, Toledo, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Philadelphia, report of which we hope to give in detail in the forthcoming issue of the *REVIEW*.

JOHN J. MURPHY,
Secretary.

REPORT OF LECTURE SERVICE.

The secretary of the Lecture Service did not foresee the influx of work that would render his activity in this line so circumscribed. But something has been done to demonstrate that a few hours a day devoted to this work would bring us to a point where the problem would be not to secure assignments but to increase the supply of speakers from the score or more already at our disposal.

The work began by securing a few assignments before the Sunday afternoon meetings of the unemployed at their headquarters in Duane street, Manhattan. Joseph Darling, James R. Brown and Oscar Geiger were the speakers on three occasions. Other dates follow:

Feb. 1st. First Reformed Church, Bayonne, N. J. Bolton Hall. Subject: The Unemployed.

Feb. 14th. Church of the Messiah, Manhattan. Henry George, Jr. Subject: The Single Tax.

Feb. 28th. Bolton Hall. Church of the Messiah. Subject: The Unemployed.

Both of these meetings at the Church of the Messiah were very successful. Rev. John Haynes Holmes, the pastor, is a progressive man, inclined perhaps to socialism, but earnest and well informed, and of high intellectual attainments.

Thursday, March 11th. Democratic Club, Bayonne, N. J. Hon. Robert Baker. Subject: Fundamental Democracy. Notwithstanding the efforts of our indefatigable worker, William B. Du Bois, who circulated 5,000 circulars and wrote 200 postal cards, an audience of only fifty persons listened to an excellent address from

the ex-Congressman and applauded some of his most radical utterances.

Assignments for other dates not filled at this writing follow:

March 24. Acme Council Royal Arcanum, Brooklyn. James R. Brown. Subject: My Island.

April 2nd. South Brooklyn Board of Trade. James R. Brown. Subject: The Incidence of Taxation.

May 4th. Young Men's Club of the Bergen Point Baptist Church, Bayonne, N. J. Peter Aitken. Subject: The Single Tax.

In addition to this efforts are being made to secure a hearing for Mr. C. B. Fillebrown before the Republican Club of this city—the organization of which Governor Hughes is a member. March 15th was appointed under a misunderstanding, and no substitute date could be had owing to other invitations that had been extended. But we are still in hopes of securing for Mr. Fillebrown an opportunity to be heard by the very prominent leaders in the Republican party who constitute the membership of the most representative party organization in this city.

We hope to do more as the year goes on. This work ought to be systematized. We may say that no contribution has been asked for this work, and the cost of reaching these audiences numbering over one thousand persons—perhaps nearer two thousand—is all included in a small bill for postage.

JOSEPH DANA MILLER, *Secretary,*
Lecture Service American Single
Tax League.

EX-GOVERNOR GARVIN.

(*See frontispiece.*)

Lucius Fayette Clark Garvin was born in Knoxville, Tenn., November 13, 1841. His father, a Vermonter, was then a professor in East Tennessee University. His mother was a native of Massachusetts.

Having spent his boyhood in Tennessee and North Carolina, at the age of sixteen he entered Amherst College, Mass. and was graduated in the class of 1862. That same