

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

year he entered the Northern Army, serving in North Carolina as a private in the 51st Regiment Massachusetts volunteers.

He began the practice of medicine in Lonsdale, R. I. in 1867, having then graduated from the Harvard Medical School.

He was elected to the Rhode Island legislature in 1883, serving in all sixteen terms—thirteen in the House and three in the Senate. Five times he has been an unsuccessful candidate for Congress.

For two terms of one year each, 1903 and 1904, he was Governor of Rhode Island. He is one of the three Democratic Governors of his State during the past half century, each serving for two years. As physician he officiated at the birth of his Democratic successor in the gubernatorial office, James H. Higgins, Esq. On that occasion neither of the two future governors spoke or thought of the honors in store for them.

About two years after the publication of *Progress and Poverty* Dr. Garvin's attention was called by a Pawtucket Greenbacker to the book by Henry George which lay upon the desk. The second time this occurred, he borrowed the work and read it carefully. One reading convinced him of the truth of George's conclusions.

Interested to a certain extent in other reforms the two upon which he places most emphasis, as being really fundamental, are the Single Tax and Proportional Representation—the one a social and the other an organic reform.

As a means to these ends, and indeed as opening the road to any reform demanded by a majority of the people, he is strongly in favor of a popular initiative for constitutional amendments. This is the form which the Direct Legislation movement has taken in Rhode Island. When a reasonable minority of the votes of any state—say ten per cent—possess the power to propose specific amendments to the Constitution and have their proposition accepted or rejected at the polls by majority vote, that State will then have a government of, by and for the people.

GEORGE WALLACE continues his admirable contributions to the *South Side Observer*, of Rockville Centre, N. Y.

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DOW DUNNING IN THE LEGISLATURE—
WILL FIGHT FOR THE PUBLICATION OF
THE TAX LIST.

It may be encouraging to your readers to learn that Dow Dunning, the present representative in the Idaho legislature from Owyhee County, is a Single Taxer. He was pretty well educated at Ann Arbor when quite young, but upon coming to Idaho began riding the range, afterward settling upon a ranch with only three or four neighbors within a range of twenty-five miles in all directions. In 1898 the writer taught his children, who composed about half of the school of ten pupils in a district larger than the state of Rhode Island, and during the winter evenings argued with him. The result was another Single Taxer.

Mr. Dunning's neighbors are just as far apart yet, and for over twenty years he had not worn a white shirt and collar until he began attending the session of the legislature. He was the author of the Direct Legislation amendments offered to the constitution, but could not even get them printed. However, at present writing a bill written by myself and proposed by him, to publish the tax lists seems to meet with favor, and may pass, having passed by a good majority in the House, which is largely Republican.

Mr. Dunning's election is due to his outspoken radical views, he having taken his nomination as an opportunity for propaganda rather than to obtain office.

R. B. WILSON.

EMMETT, Idaho.

A RECENT excellent compilation, "The Wisdom of Abraham Lincoln" (A. Wessels Company, New York) is the work of Marion Mills Miller, whose name of late has been all too infrequent in the records of Single Tax activities.

GEO. L. RUSBY addressed the Students' Study Club of Cornell University on the night of March 6th.