

"These fertile plains, that softened vale,
Were once the birthright of the Gael,"

But it would be worth our while to consider well how much truth there may be in the fuller doctrine which Walter Scott, elsewhere, makes a Highlander teach to young Edward Waverley:—"To take a tree from the forest, a salmon from the river, a deer from the hill, or a cow from lowland strath, is what no Highlander need ever think shame upon." *Waverley*, ch. 18.

The political economy of Henry George is what gives clear ideas on these points. He himself had great confidence in the power of truth. But he realized the power of vested interests, and the selfishness and inhumanity of man. His confidence simply was that somehow, somewhere, sometime, the Laws of Heaven would prevail, the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man be recognized.

Touring the West

FOLLOWING the national conference at San Francisco Percy R. Williams, Secretary of the Henry George Foundation, made the most extended speaking tour that he has yet undertaken. He spent seven weeks in the West traversing the territory from Phoenix, Arizona, to Seattle, Washington, and back through the Rocky Mountain states to the Farm Belt, speaking in twenty-five different cities and towns in ten states.

The engagements included chambers of commerce, service clubs, universities and colleges, women's clubs, forums and labor organizations. He reports a cordial reception everywhere and generous newspaper publicity. In most cities there were present in the audience prominent city, county or state officials, very frequently the Mayor or head of the department of assessors being present, and in some instances members of the respective state tax commissions. Throughout practically all of the states visited there seemed to be at this time an unusually keen interest in the general subject of taxation, and through Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska and Iowa, as well as in states farther west, there appeared to be keen interest in the Pittsburgh policy of concentrating the principal burden of local taxation upon land values, which the speaker used as an illustration of how important economic steps directed toward a state of genuine, permanent prosperity might be introduced.

Early in November, Mr. Williams visited Meadville, Pennsylvania, where he addressed an audience of five hundred students at Allegheny College, held a round table conference with the members of the Liberal Club at the college, and spoke before the open forum conducted by the Stone Church of Meadville, of which Dr. J. S. Lackland is the aggressive and progressive pastor.

Of course, whilst another man has no land, my title to mine, your title to yours, is at once violated.—EMERSON.

Lecture Tour of James R. Brown

AUG. 21. Asbury Park, N. J., Kiwanis Club; attendance 100. My third visit and a most friendly and encouraging meeting.

Aug. 28. New York, N. Y., Lions Club, McAlpin Hotel; attendance 30. Very friendly and very much interested.

Sept. 2. Bay Shore, L. I., Rotary Club, attendance 50. My third visit; open-minded attitude and reaction all that could be asked for.

Sept. 3. Glens Falls, N. Y., Kiwanis Club; attendance about 100. My third visit.

Sept. 4. Ogdensburg, N. Y., Rotary Club; attendance about 65. My second visit; reception very friendly.

Sept. 6. Schroon Lake, N. Y., Adirondack Lumbermen's Assn., Annual Meeting; about 150 present. The group became thoroughly interested in our proposition.

Sept. 9. Binghamton, N. Y., Lions Club; about 75 present. Third visit.

Sept. 10. Tarrytown, N. Y., Rotary Club; attendance about 50. This was my third visit; attitude increasingly friendly.

Sept. 16. Oswego, N. Y., Rotary Club; 50 present.

Sept. 17. Auburn, N. Y., Kiwanis Club; 75 present. Fourth visit.

Sept. 18. Olean, N. Y., Kiwanis Club; 100 present. A seeking attitude.

Sept. 23. White Plains, N. Y., Rotary Club; attendance about 100. My third visit; growing friendliness.

Sept. 24. South River, N. J., Rotary Club; 40 present. Anxious to know more.

Sept. 25. Bronx, N. Y., Chamber of Commerce; about 200 present. My third visit.

Sept. 25. Beverly, N. J., Bevel-Edge Club; about 50 present. Hearty invitation to return again and proceed with the argument.

Sept. 30. Auburn, N. Y., Rotary Club; about 100 present. Second visit.

Oct. 1. Tupper Lake, N. Y., Rotary Club; about 45 present. Established a very friendly relationship.

Oct. 2. Bound Brook, N. J., Exchange Club; about 50 present. Attitude very friendly and kindly.

Oct. 3. Roselle, N. J., Woman's Civic Club; about 103 present.

ONTARIO TOUR

Oct. 6. Welland, Ontario, Rotary Club; attendance 50. My second visit.

Oct. 7. Toronto, Ontario, Gyro Club; attendance 80. Splendid group of fine fellows and a very favorable impression left, judging by their comments.

Oct. 7. Toronto, Ontario, Fifth Ward Ratepayers Assn.; attendance about 30.

Oct. 8. Toronto, Ontario, Western High School of Commerce; 1,200 students. My second visit.

Oct. 10. Dunnville, Ontario, Lions Club; about 60 present.

Oct. 10. Dunnville, Ontario; group of 30 people at private house.

Oct. 13. Willowdale, Ontario, Earl Haig High School; 200 students.

Oct. 13. Toronto, Ontario, Masonic Lodge; 200 present. The door is on the latch and the string hangs outside. Come back soon.

Oct. 14. Toronto, Ontario, Toronto University; meeting of students in economics department; 150 present. Second visit.

Oct. 14. Toronto, Ontario Men's Club of Kimbourne United Church; 40 present. Second visit.

Oct. 14. Toronto, Ontario, Toronto University, Fabian Society; about 40 present.

Oct. 16. Kingston, Ontario, Queens University; a group of students in economics department; about 40 in number.

Oct. 17. Sarnia, Ontario, Kiwanis Club; attendance 110. First visit; hearty invitation to come back.

Oct. 21. Windsor, Ontario, Kiwanis Club; 100 present.

Oct. 22. Goderich, Ontario, Collegiate Institute; 260 students.

Oct. 22. Goderich, Ontario, Men's Club of United Church; 100 present.

Oct. 23. Windsor, Ontario, Gyro Club; 18 present. A small but splendid group of men.

Oct. 23. Windsor, Ontario, Shriners Club; 200 present. Out of this meeting grew a half dozen invitations to address other Shrine Clubs.

Oct. 24. Toronto, Ontario, Single Tax Dinner; 40 present.

Oct. 26. Toronto, Ontario, Rationalists Society; 200 present.

Oct. 27. Toronto, Ontario, Eastern High School of Commerce; 800 students present.

Oct. 28. Niagara Falls, Ontario, Lions Club; 55 in attendance. Mayor and Aldermen present. This is my second visit; we got quite a number of converts out of this group.

This concluded the Ontario tour and we have every reason to be pleased at the reception accorded the message. We have made many friends in Canada and the doctrine has distinguished adherents. Those to whom the subject matter was new were interested to pursue the question further. At Niagara Falls, Ontario, the Mayor who is an avowed Single Taxer, and members of the city council listened attentively. The *Evening Review* of that city said: "Mr. Brown made a strong case for his plan and at the end of his address answered many questions."

Oct. 29. Newark, N. Y., Lions Club; about 40 present and the very best kind of men. It was a delightful meeting; earnestly urged to return within six months.

Oct. 30. East Aurora, N. Y., Kiwanis Club; 80 in attendance. My second visit.

The newspapers were particularly kind and generous with space. The Niagara Falls (Ontario) *Evening Review* gave us two columns. The Goderich, (Ontario) *Star* one and a half columns, and the Goderich *Signal* two columns. This newspaper also instituted a prize essay contest on the Single Tax for the students at the Collegiate Institute. In Toronto the *Mail and Empire* gave us two thirds of a column, the Toronto *Daily Star* a half column, the Dunnville, Ontario, *Gazette*, two columns. The Sarnia *Canadian Observer* one column. At Tupper Lake, N. Y. the *Adirondack Herald and Press* gave us two columns, and the *Spokesman* two columns. At Olean, N. Y., the *Evening Times* gave us two columns and the *Herald* one. The Bay Shore, L. I. *Journal*, gave a report of three quarters of a column, and the Tarrytown N. Y. *Daily News* a good report in one third of a column. The St. Thomas, Ontario, *Times-Journal* gave an excellent report of the lecture at Sarnia, and said: "He made his Single Tax lecture as funny as a Stephen Leacock essay. Any Kiwanian who entertained doubts about the speaker and his subject, fearing an inexpressibly dry session, certainly * * * * * received a pleasant surprise."

Besides the newspaper reports of our addresses, there are about forty papers that use the monthly service that we send out from this office.

Letters of approval and commendation are very numerous. The following excerpts from letters received in relation to the tour will indicate the trend:

"I beg to acknowledge receipt of the parcel of books and pamphlets re taxation, all of which, like Mr. Brown's address, are very interesting. I shall see that these are properly distributed and that as many members of our Club as desire read the various books sent in."

—H. E. LAMBERT, President Lions Club,

Dunnville, Ontario.

"Thank you very kindly for your letter of November 1st, and for the Single Tax literature, which I received yesterday. I will certainly make this literature available to the rest of the men in the club and if more is requested I will write you.

"Now let me tell you and your association (and I intended doing this the first of the week) how much we appreciated and enjoyed your address of October 28th. I have yet to see more enthusiasm displayed by the members of this club and more favorable comment expressed, than I have seen and heard since this meeting.

"I can assure you and your association that we have all profited by your address on this most vital economic subject and your presentation is inimitable and beyond comparison. You certainly left us all thinking and that is what we all need."

—W. D. BRACKEN, President, Niagara Falls Lions Club, Niagara Falls, Ontario.

"If your pleasure was as great as our pleasure to have you as our guest speaker, then you surely enjoyed yourself while with us. The only criticisms I heard was that it was a shame to listen to such a splendid talk only thirty minutes. Sometime in the future we would like to arrange to have you with us and we to give you the time you want to talk. Your talk was greatly enjoyed by all present, and we shall look forward with great pleasure to have you with us again sometime in the future."

—A. W. CHRISTY, Chairman Speakers' Committee, Lions Club of Newark, Newark, N. Y.

"Referring to your recent visit to our city, at which time you spoke to about one hundred of the members of the Border Cities Kiwanis Club and also to about two hundred members of the Shrine Club of both Windsor and Detroit, it may interest you to know that the different committees were unanimous in their opinion that you put over your talk on 'Taxation' in a very successful way. The humor displayed served not only to keep your audience in periodical laughter, but assisted you to clinch your arguments in a very convincing manner. We shall look forward, with pleasure, to another visit from you next year, and, until then I beg to remain,"

—J. O. LUNDY, Chairman Speakers' Committee, Border Cities Kiwanis Club, Windsor, Ontario.

"We were very pleased with your talk before the Rotary Club last Wednesday and hope that sometime in the future we will be able to have you with us again."

—W. A. ALLGAIR, Mayor, Borough of South River, Middlesex County, N. J.

In all of these meetings, anybody who expresses a desire for literature has it sent to him from the office. To those Clubs, Colleges and Schools where we have spoken, we send quite a lot of literature for free distribution. Let me add this word, that there never was a more propitious time to advocate Single Tax than at the present moment. People are more anxious than ever before to know something about Taxation. The question is being forced upon them by circumstance. It is indeed true that the fields are white unto the harvest and it is equally true that the reapers are few.

The two tracts that the Manhattan Single Tax Club has issued lately, one entitled "The Pyramiding of Land Values" and the other, "The Gasoline Tax," have been wonderfully well received by interested people all over the country. The following excerpts from letters will prove that these tracts have made so far, a good impression, and have been received most heartily. Dr. Roman of California sent for one thousand copies of "The Gasoline Tax."

"Anent your pyramidal talk elucidating the mysteries of Manhattan land values, may I be permitted to observe that it is not only O.K., but unequivocally a K.O. Your modest brochure will become a classic on the subject. Students of economic history will take delight in witness-

ing your deft jabs and jolts athwart the solar plexus of Old Man Gotham who gobbles New York's goodly rents.

"Denunciation is all very well, in its way, but the gentle irony of mellow humor is the harpoon that penetrates the blubber of the whale and plants its barbs in the flesh of Leviathan. All in good time the lance will dispatch the quarry, and we shall then see what we shall see. Perhaps some of the oil will prove to be Standard, who knows?"

—WM. LLOYD GARRISON, JR., Boston, Mass.

"Permit me to thank you in behalf of the Pupils and Staff of our School for your splendid, thought-provoking address to us during your visit to Canada and also for the literature sent us after your return.

"I am placing it at the disposal of the Students and Staff for an Essay Topic.

"Again thanking you most heartily."

—J. P. HUME, Principal, Collegiate Institute, Goderich, Ontario.

"I think your new booklet 'The Pyramiding of Land Values' about as clear and convincing a statement of the Single Tax as I have ever seen. Will you please send me about 20 copies for distribution."

—LOUIS B. PARSONS, New York, N. Y.

"I note that you have been good enough to send Professor Urwick two interesting pamphlets, 'The Pyramiding of Land Values' and 'The Gasoline Tax,' both of them written by yourself. These are being studied by our taxation specialist, Mr. H. R. Kemp. May I take the occasion to thank you once more for your kindness in coming to address the Commerce Club, and assure you that your visit was enjoyed by everyone in the room. We should be happy to think that this is an annual event, and shall look forward to welcoming you next time you are in town during the session."

—GILBERT E. JACKSON, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario.

"The two new leaflets which you have asked me to look over have that same easy style. Your discussion of Manhattan real estate values is an excellent illustration of your point. The question the boys are going to ask is: 'How do the advocates of the Single Tax propose to secure for the public this social value in property?'"

—ROBERT W. HOSKINS, Loomis Institute, Windsor, Conn.

"It was a great pleasure to hear from you again and to receive the two tracts that you have just published. I have read them with much interest and congratulate you most heartily. You know what a welcome our students have for you and one hundred copies of each could be well used."

—H. H. SEAY, JR., University of Richmond, Richmond, Va.

"I was very glad to have your note of October 20th and the two new tracts on land value and gasoline tax. I was very much interested in reading them myself, and I shall

be glad for our students to have the opportunity of reading them when they are studying the subjects of taxation and rent. I shall turn them over to Dr. Tucker, and if we need additional copies, he will write to you."

—G. E. HANCOCK, Dean, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

"I was very glad to receive your letter of October 20th, together with the tracts on 'The Gasoline Tax' and 'The Pyramiding of Land Values.' I shall be glad to accept your very kind offer of copies of these tracts for distribution to members of my class in Public Finance. In this way we can make use of about twenty copies of each. We shall look forward to seeing you again when you make your annual visit to the South in the coming Winter or Spring."

—ROBERT H. TUCKER, Washington and Lee University, Lexington, Va.

"I have just finished reading the two tracts recently mailed to me. The one on the Gas Tax appeals to me, particularly in the light of our 4c tax in Pa. The other presents your sane argument in behalf of the whole single tax movement. Please send me 100 copies of the latter. I would also like the same number of copies of the former. I wish these tracts for distribution among our students. When you come this way, do not pass us by."

—GEORGE F. DUNKELBERGER, Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pa.

"Your note of October 20th reminds me again of your visit at Peddie and the delightfully interesting way in which you presented the case for the Single Tax Club. The tracts you have published are pointed and interesting, and I shall be glad to distribute 100 copies among our teachers and senior students, who are the ones most likely to find them of value and interest."

—R. W. SWETLAND, Headmaster, The Peddie School, Hightstown, N. J.

"I received and have read the two new tracts. I appreciate your sending them. I enjoyed them very much. They are true to the point, and clearly and well written. I could use a few extra copies. I also see three on the list I have not read, 'Not a Single Tax,'—Root, 'Untaxing Industry,'—Holmes, 'Hurt In Her Own House'—Brown.

—B. F. EMENHEISER, History Club of Baltimore, City College, Baltimore, Md.

"I am glad to acknowledge receipt of your two booklets on the subject of taxation. I agree with you as to your views, but do not see how you can get authorities in the various cities, towns and states to agree on the question. There is no doubt but what land should be taxed and not the necessities of life, with the tax added to the consumer's cost. I can see no more justice in a gasoline tax than in a tax on sugar, potatoes, or any other commodity. I noticed on the Forum of the *Journal Courier* this morning your

article on Taxation. We are looking forward with much pleasure to seeing you on Friday, November 14, at 2:15 P. M."

—NATHAN B. STONE, President, Stone College, New Haven, Conn.

NOVEMBER LECTURE DATES

Nov. 3. South Manchester, Conn., Kiwanis Club; attendance about 50.

Nov. 5. Larchmont, N. Y., Lions Club; attendance about 130.

Nov. 6. Newark, N. J., Kiwanis Club; attendance about 300. My third visit here and reception could not be better.

Nov. 11. Suffield, Conn., Suffield Prep. School; some 300 students. Brownell Gage, Principal, a very fine man of high ideals, who spent many years as a missionary in China. Knew very intimately our good old Single Tax friend, Dr. Macklin, of Nankin University, also knew John Duff, who went as a missionary to China and became a well known merchant. John Duff was one of my boyhood friends; we both went to the Congregational Church Sunday School. Dr. Gage holds both of these men in high esteem. It was a great pleasure to meet with Dr. Gage, his good wife who is one of the faculty, and an M. D. All the members of the faculty were kind and friendly to our doctrine.

Nov. 11. Windsor, Conn., Loomis Institute. This is a very fine Prep. School. I spoke here on my last tour in New England; on that occasion my audience was about 300 very bright and alert young men. This time more than 300—reception and interest could not have been better and our tax idea is getting fast hold on students and faculty. The door is open and we intend to return.

Nov. 12. Amherst, Mass., Agricultural College; 900 students. A very fine body and we had a most enjoyable time. I did not see any tears or frowns on the faces of the students or faculty. On leaving, the question shot at me was, "When are you coming back?"

Nov. 13. New Britain, Conn., Rotary Club, a group of about 50 splendid business men and much interest shown in our proposition to make this a tax free world and a hearty come again and tell us more.

Nov. 14. New London, Conn., Chapman Tech. High School; 500 students. One of the best conducted high Schools I have ever seen, both as to discipline and mental atmosphere, and also the interest the students take in their work. The Principal, Mr. F. S. Hitchcock, is not only a man endowed with native qualities of a great teacher, with a mind well stored with scientific facts, but his hand is cleverly trained to do all things a Tech. High School teaches.

Nov. 14. New Haven, Conn., The Stone Business College; over 300 students and a business college of a very

high order. The President, Mr. Nathan B. Stone, is an earnest advocate of our plan to encourage industry and discourage idleness. This was my second visit and a lot more visits and lectures are on the programme.

Nov. 15. Cheshire, Conn., Roxbury School, a splendid prep. school; 150 students, with cultured and scholarly men at the head of it. One, a Prof. Allen, is an ardent Single Taxer. I had a most enjoyable time with the kindest and most appreciative attitude on part of student body and faculty.

Nov. 17. Fitchburg, Mass., Kiwanis Club; 25 good, sane, substantial business men. A pleasure to talk to them and very much appreciated by them. The same old request, come back again and soon.

Nov. 18. South Braintree, Mass., Thayer Academy, Headmaster, Stacey B. Southworth, a real educator and son of a great High School Principal. Both father and son rank very high in educational circles in New England and both are Single Taxers; 300 students at this school. My address was the first delivered in their new auditorium. Never yet have I seen a finer spirit in a College, expressing the love of the faculty for their students and their work, and the respect and affection of students for the faculty.

Nov. 18. South Braintree, Mass. Joint meeting of three Rotary Clubs at noon; 100 present. I spoke to this same group on the occasion of my last visit and it was quite evident that the seed sown then fell upon good ground, the hearty, kindly reception and interest in the subject was very obvious. I have promised to return as usual. An incident here showed the value of this work and its effectiveness in putting our truth to the people. A gentleman who heard the address when I was here before came to me and was very anxious for me to give an address before a large men's club connected with one of the leading churches. I was very sorry to be compelled to defer my visit to his group as my time was all taken up, but promised him to keep his request before me and as soon as possible comply. Thus it is the seeds of truth are carried by the currents of life to unseen corners.

Nov. 19. Worcester, Mass., Becker College; a very high-class Business College with an attendance of 500 students. This was my second visit, and what a hearty and friendly reception by all the members of the faculty and administration and students, just such as a dear old friend would get. Towards our gospel a kindly and inquiring attitude.

Nov. 19. Worcester, Mass., Worcester Academy, a prep. school of high-class; 500 students. It was an experience most enjoyable to me and the students body and faculty seemed to understand, enjoy and accept our postulates. The Principal said: "Won't you send us literature. I want to follow this lecture up in our studies?"

Nov. 20. Northampton, Mass., High School, 9:00 A. M.; assembly of some 800 students. Our good friend and Single Taxer, F. W. Plummer, is Principal and a most admirable one he is, judging from discipline and interest.

Nov. 20. Northampton, Mass., High School, class at 10:00 A. M.; about 30 students.

Nov. 20. Northampton, Mass., High School, class at 11:00 A. M.; about 35 students.

Nov. 20. Holyoke, Mass., Lions Club; 80 present. Friendship and interest all that could be asked. The old request, "Don't fail to come again."

Nov. 21. Boston, Mass., Boston University Class at 8:30; subject: "The Bible and the Land Question." Small class of 10 very earnest students.

Nov. 21. Boston, Mass., Boston University, class at 9:30. Large class of 65, studying social problems and the duty of the church to society. These classes are part of Dr. Vaughan's Course at the School of Theology.

Nov. 21. Boston University, School of Law, 4:00 P. M. Small class of 11; but had a real heart to heart talk to them on the tax question; results very satisfactory.

Boston University, College of Physicians and Surgeons, 8:00 P. M., 40 real live alert men and women. Put them all down for the Single Tax, faculty included. Literature had been sent from the office and you should have seen how it was gobbled up after the lecture. It certainly pays to talk to intelligence.

LECTURES FOR BALANCE OF MONTH

Nov. 24. Lowell, Mass., Kiwanis Club; noon.

Nov. 24. Lawrence, Mass., Cannon's Commercial College; afternoon.

Nov. 24. Lawrence, Mass. Open meeting to citizens in auditorium of high school; evening.

Nov. 25. Andover, Mass. Phillips Club of Phillips Academy; evening.

Nov. 28. Bronx, N. Y., Mt. Eden Center. Open Forum; evening.

JAMES R. BROWN

THE most discouraging feature in this business depression is the attitude of such men as Newton D. Baker. Hailed everywhere as a man of intellect and as a leader of thought, he contents himself with pleas for charity funds and with platitudes. For instance, he says: "The most impressive problem in American life at this moment is the finding of a basis of industrial adjustment which will prevent the recurrence of depression."

"At this moment," says Newton. Why, it has been the most impressive problem ever since Newton was learning to read.

"With our natural resources unimpaired," he exclaims. Now, he knows better. Of course, our natural resources are impaired. At least one-half of the land is held out of use by speculators for higher prices. Our country might as well possess only half of its area.

IN a little while all nations will have tariff walls, and then they can all get rich by charging themselves too much.—*Everett Herald*.