

H. J. CHASE TELLS OF WORK IN RHODE ISLAND.

"Facts are stubborn things." The active members of the Association realize the importance of getting before the public the facts with reference to the countries that have the law we are laboring for here in Rhode Island. The last three or four "Bulletins" in great part have been devoted to this purpose. Year-books and other official documents have been searched for pertinent matter; news items have been gleaned; every effort has been made to obtain authentic information as to how local option is working, especially in western Canada. The results of these efforts are in the "Bulletins," but they are not as abundant as we could wish.

It would be a good thing if Single Taxers in Canada and wherever else local option is in operation, would forward to the REVIEW any information of the kind we are endeavoring to secure. If we can show beyond reasonable doubt that exemption of personalty and improvements is working favorably wherever it is being tried, not only in newly settled countries, but in at least one country much older than ours, what more can we do to convince the people of this State that opportunity should be given to find out how the plan would work in Rhode Island? The odor of the pudding, if agreeable, is the strongest inducement that can be offered to its being tasted.

The writer has distributed several thousand of the later "Bulletins," making a regular canvass for that purpose in ten of the cities and towns of this State, including Providence, large portions of Pawtucket and Central Falls, and all of Newport. The presentation of each leaflet has been accompanied with remarks upon its contents, and it is believed that this has led to the great majority of them being more or less understandingly read. The writer feels confident that this is an effective method of propaganda, and there is a good deal of testimony to the same effect from the Socialists. It is their claim that their success in Milwaukee was largely due to this way of distributing their literature.

All the daily papers in the State, with

one or two exceptions, and several weeklies, have printed letters from Dr. Garvin, Col. Liddell and the present writer. It has been our aim to use this method to the extent of our opportunities, and how well we have succeeded may be inferred from the fact that since March 25th, more than 200 of our letters have been published. The papers containing them come pretty near to covering every part of this Commonwealth.

Open air meetings are being held, principally in Providence and vicinity, every evening when the weather permits. Of late the attendance at these meetings has been increasing and apparently the interest likewise. The Sunday night meetings at our headquarters continue, despite the heated season, the audiences being fairly large and the zest in discussions unabated. Prior to this year, the attempt to maintain these meetings at any season has been a failure, and therefore we feel encouraged in view of the fact that the "People's Forum" now seems to have become a permanent institution. Opportunity has been given for Sunday afternoon addresses at two of the shore resorts, Crescent Park and Rocky Point.

Our task is to overcome indifference rather than to disarm actual hostility, and in this respect there is no question but that we are making progress. Likewise there is no question but that we need all the outside help of every kind that can be afforded.—H. J. CHASE, Providence, R. I.

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PETITIONING FOR CONSTITUTIONAL FREEDOM IN TAXATION—A NOTABLE WELCOME TO REV. HERBERT S. BIGELOW.

It has been a long time since your readers have heard from this state. But this has not been because there was nothing doing. And we are still in the thick of the fight. We are at present circulating a petition on taxation for a constitutional amendment that will provide for the separation of state and local revenues, and enable us to discontinue the state property tax and to levy taxes on other subjects of