

Manhattan S. T. Club Activities

THE report of the Manhattan Single Tax Club's activities for the last two months tells mainly of the tremendous work of Charles H. Ingersoll on his Western lecture tour. The audiences have been of the highest class. Publicity has been remarkable. Every lecture and published notice is straight Single Tax.

Arrangements have been made with Mr. Ingersoll for him to buy a small car in California, with which he will make his trip through the Northwest and homeward, taking at least three months more.

We feel that the work done by Mr. Ingersoll is probably the most effective work that can be done for the Single Tax.

We have reprinted Mr. Brown's pamphlet "A Plain Talk on Taxation."

The work of the Manhattan Single Tax Club is progressing. We have requests for lectures from several universities in Maryland and Virginia where our late President, James R. Brown, lectured. Mr. Fairchild has volunteered to spend a week in March filling these engagements. Requests for literature are filled every day.

REPORT OF INGERSOLL LECTURE TOUR

On Saturday, Dec. 26, Mr. Ingersoll left New York for Columbus, O., to join Mr. John S. Maclean, manufacturer and well known Single Taxer of that city, who had kindly volunteered to drive Mr. Ingersoll to the Coast, stopping en route wherever speaking dates are arranged. To reports of lectures printed in January-February LAND AND FREEDOM are added the following:

Jan. 5—Lexington, Ky.; Transylvania College. This is the oldest college west of the Allegheny Mountains; 400 present, and all listened to Mr. Ingersoll's message for a half hour, followed by a question period of fifteen or twenty minutes.

Jan. 6—Danville, Ky.; Centre College. A big day for Mr. Ingersoll. He started for Danville from Lexington at 7:30 a. m., arriving at Centre College at 8:30 a. m.; was cordially received by president Turck; addressed 350 boys in the auditorium. At 10:00 a. m., across town to Woman's College of Centre, nearly 200 women. Great enthusiasm was shown. Mr. Ingersoll took lunch with the president and several professors and has cordial invitations to return.

Jan. 7—Lexington, Ky.; University of Kentucky. Prof. Martin called and took Mr. Ingersoll to classroom; talked 45 minutes to 150 assembled boys.

Winchester, Ky.; Chamber of Commerce, dinner; 200 present; substantial people, 75 farmers. Talked freely for 45 minutes, followed by quiz of over an hour. Many humorous incidents, keen interest and enthusiastic treatment.

Jan. 8—Winchester, Ky.; Wesleyan Methodist College; about 200 boys and girls; very fine meeting.

Lexington, Ky.; University of Kentucky. Meeting arranged through efforts of Dr. M. M. Miller; Mr. Ingersoll kindly received by various professors, dean, etc. Prof. Sutherland in charge of meeting and introduced Mr. Ingersoll with a reading from Henry George. About 150 present; fine meeting.

Lexington, Ky.; Board of Commerce, annual banquet; 600 present, including Mayor, City Manager, Commissioners, Judge, etc. A young man from U. S. Chamber of Commerce spoke for half hour; fine chap who understood S. T.; Mr. Ingersoll introduced. All most cordial, and Mr. Ingersoll describes this as probably the best meeting he had thus far.

Jan. 9—Lexington, Ky.; banquet. Mr. Ingersoll invited by professor of the University of Kentucky; an enjoyable meeting.

Jan. 11—Louisville, Ky.; Taxpayers' League, a civic reform association. A short talk, followed by an exceptional two-hour quiz.

Jan. 12—New Albany, Ind.; New Albany Business College; fine crowd of 150 students. Talked about three-quarters of an hour; answered questions for one and one-half hours.

Jan. 13—Bowling Green, Ky.; Bowling Green Business University; 500 students (from 25 States), mostly mature, and twenty-five to fifty outsiders, mainly business men. Fine, alert audience.

Jan. 14—Paducah, Ky.; West Kentucky Industrial College (colored, co-ed), 11:30 a. m.; 150 present.

Paducah, Ky.; St. John's Improvement Club, evening. A farmers' club, ten miles out; a Catholic community; about 100 present; talk lasted half hour, followed by a two-hour quiz, led by father Paul Barrett. A favorable meeting.

Jan. 15—Paducah, Ky.; Augusta Tilghman High School, 11:00 a. m. Talked twenty-five to thirty minutes to an assembly of the student body and townfolks, who were invited; about 500 in number; splendid meeting. At 1:15 spoke to the history class at the high school; forty students; fine quiz.

Jan. 18—Nashville, Tenn.; George Peabody College for Teachers 100 mature students at chapel at 7:45 a. m. At 10:00 a. m. spoke at Vanderbilt University; 150 students. At 11:30 a. m. spoke at Fall's Business College; another fine meeting; talked twenty-five minutes followed by half hour of questions. At 3:00 p. m. back to George Peabody School for Teachers to address class in economics; 25 present 25 minutes. Good, interested audience.

Jan. 19—Jackson, Tenn.; 12:15 noon; Exchange Club. That evening read speech entitled "What Is the Single Tax" over radio from 6:30 to 6:45 p. m.

Jan. 20—Jackson, Tenn.; Union University; student body at chapel 300 in number. All very friendly. At 9:50 a. m. spoke to class in economics, twenty-five in class. At 12:15 addressed the Rotary Club fifteen-minute talk, followed by half hour quiz; 100 present.

Jan. 21—Memphis, Tenn.; Senior Technical High School; began with talk at Government class at 9:00 a. m.; spoke to five classes, each lasting one hour; 300 students.

Jan. 22—Memphis, Tenn.; Nineteenth Century Club (women) at 10:00 a. m.; talked and answered questions for one hour to twenty-five fine women. State Teachers College; about 200 boys and girls of splendid quality. At 7:30 that evening, Technical High School, book-keeping class; fifty present.

Jan. 23—Memphis, Tenn.; Southwestern University, 8:30 a. m. Presbyterian university; thirty-minute talk; 400 present; splendid meeting. At 12:00 noon spoke for the City Club of Memphis, half hour talk, followed by one-hour quiz; 25 present. Very intimate, cordial and effective.

Jan. 25—Hot Springs, Ark.; Consolidated Country School, ten miles out; 600 pupils. At 7:30 p. m. spoke for Parent-Teachers' Association of the senior high school; 200 present.

Jan. 26—Hot Springs, Ark.; senior high school; assembly of 500 8:30 a. m.; fifteen-minute talk, followed by ten minutes of question. Spoke again to five classes, one hour each class; splendid, intelligent youngsters, fifty in each class, totaling 250 in all.

Jan. 27—Fort Smith, Ark.; Rotary Club, noon; eighty present; first class crowd, including all officials and notables of the town.

Jan. 29—Tulsa, Okla.; Tulsa Business College at 10:30 a. m., 2 p. m. present. Chamber of Commerce that evening; annual banquet; 50 present; splendid crowd.

Jan. 30—Tulsa, Okla.; Engineers' Club, noon; sixty high-class men. A naturally conservative crowd, but responsive, friendly and finally enthusiastic. Effective meeting.

Jan. 31—Tulsa, Okla.; University Methodist Episcopal Church; 300 in audience; good thirty-minute talk and half-hour quiz.

Feb. 1—Stillwater, Okla.; Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College; 100 present; fine meeting.

College; picked audience of 250; half hour talk and good quiz for one hour. At 7:30 that evening at Forum meeting at Court House; 200 present, townspeople; fine meeting, especially quiz, which was very active. Two solid hours of lecture and quiz.

Feb. 2—Shawnee, Okla.; Rotary Club, noon; 200 present; about thirty-five-minute talk, followed by good quiz after adjournment. Talked into microphone. Superintendent of schools sat on Mr. Ingersoll's right and arranged for high school assembly meeting that afternoon, at which there were 1,100 present. Talked thirty minutes; fine meeting.

Feb. 3—Dallas, Tex.; Draughon's Business College, 11:00 a. m.; about 225 fine boys and girls, attentive and interested.

Feb. 4—Wichita Falls, Tex.; Rotary Club, noon; 110 present. At 2:00 p. m. Draughon's Business College in Wichita Falls; 100 students, two-thirds girls; splendid crowd.

Feb. 5—Fort Worth, Tex.; Texas Christian University; assembly at 10:00 a. m.; 300 students.

Cleburne, Tex.; Lions-Rotary Club meeting, noon. Sensing a good quiz, Mr. Ingersoll concentrated on twenty-five-minute talk and had one of his finest question periods. All very intelligent and friendly; 100 present.

Feb. 7—Dallas, Tex.; Highland Park Methodist Church; Men's Bible Class, 150, at 9:30 a. m. A jolly lot, half-hour talk, followed by half hour of questions.

Feb. 8—Waco, Tex.; Baylor University; 700 students in chapel at 10:00 a. m. Fine attention and interest shown. At noon spoke for the Rotary Club of Waco, one-half hour talk, followed by twenty-minute quiz; 125 present.

Due to a blizzard, Mr. Ingersoll was delayed in reaching California, but arrived in San Diego Friday, Feb. 19, and continued meetings as shown below:

Feb. 21—A gathering at the home of Mr. Hoffman in Glendale; about 50 in attendance; active discussions and questions answered.

Feb. 22—Long Beach; World Friendship Forum; 300 present. This is one of Dr. Roman's Forums; meeting was arranged by Dr. F. Darwin Smith, president of the California College of Commerce; talked thirty-five minutes.

Feb. 23—Los Angeles; Municipal League, noon; talk, one hour of quiz; 100 present.

Hollywood; Hollywood Humanist Society; title of address, "Mine, Thine and Ours;" quiz.

Feb. 24—Long Beach; College of Commerce; 200 students; talked thirty minutes, followed by fine question period.

Los Angeles; "X" Club, 6:00 p. m.; fifteen present; thirty minutes and questions. Title of address, "A Watchmaker Times the Pulse of Prosperity."

Feb. 25—Los Angeles; Metropolitan High School; 800 splendid boys and girls.

Feb. 26—Los Angeles; Parliament of Man; Dr. Roman's Forum. Title of address, "Socialism, Anarchy or Freedom;" 1,000 in auditorium; talked thirty minutes.

Feb. 27—Los Angeles; meeting Single Taxers-No Taxers, 6 p. m.; group of about sixty.

Feb. 28—Los Angeles; First Unitarian Church Forum at 9:30 a. m.; thirty-minute talk, one-hour quiz. Rev. Shepard, pastor, made wonderful address and is a Single Taxer. Title of speech, "Mine, Thine and Ours."

Los Angeles; Hollywood Forum, one of Dr. Roman's branches, at 7:00 p. m.; fine group of fifty; talk and quiz.

Feb. 29—La Jolla; high school; 350 students; an extraordinary and thrilling meeting; allowed one-half hour for talk, but overlapped fifteen or twenty minutes and no let-up to questions asked.

March 1—San Diego; Woman's Civic Center; 100 fine women; thirty-minute presentation.

San Diego; Kiwanis Club at 12:10 noon; 125 high-class men; good talk, one-half hour quiz.

La Jolla; Parent-Teachers' Association, 3:15 p. m.; 75 women,

mothers and teachers of the students of the high school where Mr. Ingersoll spoke the day before.

March 2—San Diego; Southern State College, at 9:30 a. m.; class in economics of over 100 students; spoke one hour.

San Diego; Russ High School, 12:30 noon; good class meeting of fifty boys.

March 3—San Diego; Rotary Club at noon; 250 present.

San Diego; small gathering of Single Taxers; one hour of discussion.

The following are extracts from letters received at this office relating to Mr. Ingersoll's lectures:

Enjoyed Mr. Ingersoll's talk much and hope you will let us know whenever you have a representative in this district, as I am sure our club would enjoy a return engagement. - WM. J. WOLF,

Rotary Club, Hamilton, O.

We had the pleasure Jan. 6 of having two addresses by Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll on the Single Tax. He presented the subject in an extremely interesting way and elicited many questions from our students.

CHARLES J. TURCK, Pres.,

Centre College, Danville, Ky.

Enjoyed very much having Mr. Ingersoll address the student body of the New Albany Business College. We had a number of our friends present, and after his interesting address a number of questions were asked Mr. Ingersoll, so the discussion was interesting. I take this opportunity in expressing my thanks to the Manhattan Single Tax Club for this interesting and educational address.

J. O. HARRIS, Manager,

New Albany Business College, New Albany, Ind.

Permit me to thank you for the presence of Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll in our college last week. We were pleased to have him present his subject of the Single Tax. Any books or tracts you distribute to college libraries will be placed on our shelves. C. M. DANNELLY, Pres.,

Kentucky Wesleyan College, Winchester, Ky.

We desire to express appreciation of the visit recently from Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll. Mr. Ingersoll spoke at the University of Kentucky and I am expressing particular appreciation of his addresses before our classes in public finance in the College of Commerce.

JAMES W. MARTIN, Director,

University of Kentucky, Lexington, Ky.

We had an attendance of more than 450 of the leading Lexington business and professional men and women at our banquet, and they expressed a great deal of interest in Mr. Ingersoll's subject

ED WILDER, Secretary,

Board of Trade, Lexington, Ky.

We were pleased with the address delivered here on Feb. 13 by Mr. Ingersoll. He was given a large audience and a very close hearing. It was probably the first time that 98 per cent of his audience had heard the Single Tax question discussed. Mr. Ingersoll is a most delightful gentleman in private conversation and it was a pleasure to have him visit us.

J. L. HARMAN, President,

Bowling Green Business University, Bowling Green, Ky.

Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll appeared before our faculty and student body on Jan. 14, as a representative of the Manhattan Single Tax Club. Although the Single Tax idea was new to a great portion of our student body, since our school is only a junior college, considerable interest was manifested. Any rational discussion of the tax question is especially pertinent at this time, due to the worldwide economic unrest, and Mr. Ingersoll's address was instrumental in giving many a new point of view with regard to the source of the present state and a proposed cure.

G. D. WILSON, Dean,

West Kentucky Industrial College, Paducah, Ky.

I wish to report to your organization that Mr. Ingersoll visited our school on Jan. 15 and spoke before our high school student body of 500 pupils. In the afternoon he spoke before some smaller groups of upper classmen and was well received on both occasions. Many of our teachers and practically all of our pupils found his subject some-

what new, and for that reason perhaps all the more stimulating. At the close of his lecture in the morning many of those in his audience had questions to ask. These Mr. Ingersoll answered in a most courteous and satisfactory way. We appreciate your sending him to us.

WALTER C. JETTON, Principal,
Augusta Tilghman High School, Paducah, Ky.

I wish to express to you our pleasure at having your Mr. Ingersoll with us recently to address our student body at the chapel hour. He also lectured before our political science class during the day. We appreciated his visit and feel that it was very much worth while.

A. W. PRINCE, Dean and Acting Pres.,
Union University, Jackson, Tenn.

Mr. Ingersoll's visit was enjoyed, and though the time, forty minutes, was rather limited, a number of very interesting questions and discussions were developed.

H. W. FALL, President,
Fall's Business College, Nashville, Tenn.

It has been our pleasure to have Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll with our Senior High School Parent-Teachers Assn. on the night of Jan. 25, and again before our students on Tuesday morning, the 26th. Also during the day on Tuesday with our civics, sociology and economic classes. In addition to this, Mr. Ingersoll went with our county superintendent to one of the consolidated schools and lectured to them. We appreciated the facts and the discussion which Mr. Ingersoll gave to us in regard to the Single Tax program. His audience was very much interested in the plan and asked him a great number of questions in regard to it.

V. E. SAMMONS, Principal,
Senior High School, Hot Springs, Ark.

Mr. Ingersoll's personality was exceedingly pleasant, his logic and handling of his facts and argument were most convincing, and his whole discussion was very acceptable to our people. I wish to thank you for his address and assure you that we shall be glad to have him address us again.

O. L. CURL, Minister,
University Methodist Episcopal Church, Tulsa, Okla.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Charles H. Ingersoll visited Memphis on Jan. 21, 22 and 23 and filled engagements. In these lectures Mr. Ingersoll spoke before college professors, students and business men, as well as to a group of our most prominent club women and teachers. His subject, of course, was the Single Tax. Reports received by our office, which made the arrangements for these engagements, indicate an excellent understanding upon the part of his audiences of the practical application for the writings of Henry George and those who have come after him. Mr. Ingersoll's addresses were well balanced and informative to all classes before whom he appeared. I had the personal pleasure of hearing him at the chapel of the Southwestern University and in his appearance before the City Club luncheon, and I was impressed with the attentiveness of his audiences as well as with the pleasing and understandable way in which Mr. Ingersoll presented the various applications of his subject. There is no doubt Mr. Ingersoll's visit to this city will help materially in the furtherance of interest in the Single Tax.

P. M. BIRMINGHAM, Associate Director,
Memphis Chamber of Commerce, Memphis, Tenn.

On Friday, March 4, Mr. Oscar Geiger talked for the Women's Civic Club of Roselle, N. J., from 3 p. m. to 4:45, including the question period. Mr. Geiger reports this a particularly intelligent audience of civic-minded women, forty in number.

Sunday, March 6—Tarrytown, N. Y.; the Mason Junior College and School for Girls; Mr. Geiger debated the subject of "The People of the World and Taxation" with Mr. Hughes Findlay Sutherland, of Scotland; fifty in attendance. Debate was arranged by Miss C. E. Mason, president of the school and a Single Taxer. Meeting was a success; Mr. Sutherland may become a convert.

On Sunday, March 6, Mr. Walter Fairchild, secretary of the M. S. T. Club, left for an eight-day lecture tour of the schools of Maryland, District of Columbia and Virginia.

Mr. Fairchild is being accompanied by Mr. Spencer Heath, of Elk-

ridge, Md., who is an ardent Single Taxer and a director of this club. Mr. Fairchild is also booked for lectures as follows:

March 23—Boston, Mass.; College of Physicians and Surgeons.

March 25—Boston, Mass.; Boston University.

We are planning a "Get Together Dinner." Notices will be sent to all New York, New Jersey and vicinity members. Reports of the club's activities since the demise of Mr. Brown will be given and plans for future activities will be discussed at the dinner.

MANHATTAN SINGLE TAX CLUB
(Beatrice Cohen, Assistant Secretary).

A Hopeful View of the Industrial Depression

IF Almighty God has a sense of humor He must look down with amusement as well as commiseration upon those of His creatures who are praying for deliverance from the present industrial depression. For was there ever a time when nature was more bountiful, and, what is more important, when human labor by the help of machinery and transportation facilities was more efficient than now? This being so, and by use of the power to reason with which he is endowed, man should be quite able to secure for himself that continuous prosperity which is his birthright. The conflicting attempts to explain the paradox of widespread unemployment in the midst of plenty are evidence enough that political economy is a sadly neglected science. The Governor of a proud State solemnly tells us that the depression is due to human selfishness; clergymen describe the trouble to human sinfulness; others assert that the whole difficulty is purely psychological and without any real cause.

Long established habits of thought support the assumption that the king can do no wrong. This, modernized, means that the government can do no wrong, that whatever is is right. We have constant evidence of this. If an amendment, however monstrous, is added to the Constitution, presto! it immediately becomes sanctified and holy. The application of ethical principles to the behavior of men in their relation one to another is accepted without question, but the government violates the commands "Thou shalt not kill," "Thou shalt not steal," "Love thy neighbor as thyself," with impunity. So it follows that political economy based upon natural law and principle has been made, all too frequently, to give way to economics and sociology in which principle is surrendered to considerations of expediency.

This substitution of expediency for principle in colleges reminds one of the fellow who applied to a school board for a position, and who, when asked if he taught that the earth is flat or round, obligingly replied, "I teach both ways." Similarly, Herbert Spencer in "Social Statics" refers to this attitude of mind in the following words: "Were you to inquire of them whether the earth turns on its axis from east to west, or from west to east, you might expect the reply, 'A little of both,' or 'Not exactly either.' It is doubtful whether they would assent to the axiom that