

stable standard, but the tenant pays the same rent whether the landlord gets it all, or has to pass on a portion. It is the rental value which is the product of the community and if we deal with it under a disguise, the people will misunderstand the whole transaction, just as they do when we tell them that taking off all taxation from them, is placing a tax upon them.—G. R. HARRISON, Ourimbah, N. S. W., Australia.

A SUGGESTION FROM F. H. MONROE.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

We should increase our efforts to carry the teachings of Henry George to the schools, colleges and universities.

We do not seem to realize how insidious is the work of plutocracy, not only in the selection of teachers but in the coloring given to even the most elementary text books tending to discredit the great emancipators of history and to glorify the tyrants.

As a means of activity to offset this influence it is suggested that our friends in various cities offer prizes varying from five to twenty-five dollars, depending on the grade of the school or college, for the best essay or oration on the following subject: "How can involuntary poverty be abolished."

Such a prize should if possible become a prominent annual proposition. Anyone interested in adopting this idea locally, can easily arrange the detail with the principal or president of the institution to which the offer is made.—F. H. MONROE, Palos Park, Ill.

HOW THE CAUSE WAS URGED IN NEW SOUTH WALES.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

Mr. H. J. Chase in your Jan.-Feb. number, refers to the Rhode Island Campaign and speaks of N. S. W. Mr. Chase is absolutely right in his conclusions as to the best preliminary methods of presenting a *local* Single Tax policy.

As one who was privileged to take a small hand in our Rating Revolution here, I would say that we didn't present to our audiences the whole ethical vision of the Single Tax religion—we merely pointed out that it meant for the using landowner decreased taxation, to the non-landowner a chance to buy land at a reasonable figure and to the land speculator a medicine which would make him an honest citizen, even against his will. And to the credit of some of our land speculators, it wasn't always against their will. I know one Congregational minister who journeyed nearly 200 miles to cast his vote for a rate of 4 3-4 d. on unimproved values and he owned vacant land only in that borough—and his vote helped carry the day in a very stiff fight.

We found all landowners (excepting land speculators) quite prepared to endorse the policy of raising municipal revenue from land values only, in the case of curbing and guttering and making roads and streets; but what many objected to, was paying on land values for water supply, sewerage, lighting streets, fire service, etc., which services they pointed out vacant land didn't require.

I found a local adaptation of Post's footnote No. 18 on page 20 of *THE SINGLE TAX* confounded their arguments every time, and convinced them too, unless they happened to be big land speculators in some other district, and were therefore afraid that if we carried local Single Tax in No. 1 district, No. 2 district might follow suit to their great expense.

I wish the Rhode Island campaign great success, and hope Mr. Chase will follow out his own ideas as outlined in the Jan.-Feb. REVIEW. When people have taken the first step—local Single Tax—we can then lead them further and on to *higher* ground.—J. R. FIRTH, Redfern, N. S. W., Australia.

DEMOCRACY AND THE DOCTRINE OF JESUS.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

"And Jesus went about teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of