

would cripple the club's other work. Fortunately, the committee disregarded me, and others like me, and went ahead. I congratulate those gentlemen and am happy to announce myself converted to their view. For many reasons this is an affecting moment to me."

Mr. Benjamin Doblin said he had always thought the club should own its own home and believed it could have done so any time these last ten years. "The only trouble was, we never had a man like Polak to get a plan in shape and put it into execution."

Mrs. Lora Coope, of Washington, introduced by President Crosby as "one of the most recent but by no means least zealous of Single Taxers," congratulated the club on its "handsome home" and "handsome president," and told of the conference of the Women's National Single Tax League at New Haven. Mrs. Coope said that the women were going to go on working to the best of their ability and would rejoice at all progress made whether through their efforts or the efforts of the men.

Mr. Thos. J. Connery told of his conversion to the Single Tax while crossing the Atlantic. The captain of the ship after vain efforts to convert him to the Single Tax, offered to wager champagne for the party that Mr. Connery, if he read one chapter of "Progress and Poverty," would read the book. Mr. Connery thought it safe and accepted the wager. On going to his cabin that night he read one chapter, then another, and then a third, after which he forgot the wager and read the whole book before morning.

Among other speakers were Congressmen Robert Baker, William E. Hicks and Henry J. Marcus.

Repeated calls for H. C. Stimpson and James R. Brown brought neither. Stimpson was modest, as usual, and Brown was bashful. One fled to the basement, and the other disappeared.

The ladies of the Women's League served refreshments after which a general inspection took place. About a dozen applications for membership were signed.

The house is a brownstone front of three stories and basement; neighborhood excellent; building about 20 by 60 feet, with a yard in the rear which may be used as a summer garden. With the advantage our new quarters will give us and the stimulus that will come to Single Tax work with the separation of the value of land and improvements on the tax rolls, we expect a strenuous Fall and Winter campaign for the club.

WM. F. CASEY.

SYMPOSIUM.

ON THE QUESTION OF INDEPENDENT POLITICAL ACTION.

Following are a number of communications called forth by the letter of Mr. Edward T. Weeks, favoring independent political

action, published in our Winter number. In a circular since widely circulated Mr. Weeks presented two leading questions, as follows:

1st.—Where Single Taxers are free to organize politically, can they vote with parties which favor the ownership of land, without themselves incurring moral guilt?

2nd.—Should our political work be governed by moral principle, or by mere seeming expediency?

We will continue this Symposium in our Fall number. It is not our fault that the majority of those whose communications are presented herewith, are in agreement with Mr. Weeks. Our friends on the other side have simply failed to respond to our request for letters in reply. Hence it is that if there were not hosts of others to be heard from, Mr. Weeks would seem to have won his case. Our friends will kindly remember, however, that the hearing is not yet closed, and the columns of the next issue of the *Review* are open to their communications.—The EDITOR.

Cincinnati.

Editor *Single Tax Review*:

Replying to your Mr. Week's questions, I would say:

1.—Single Taxers can vote with parties which favor ownership of land, without themselves incurring moral guilt; whenever doing so commends itself to their best judgment, as the quickest way open to bring about the ends for which we are working.

If, for example, a party which has a reasonable chance of success at the polls—should favor local option in taxation, would it not be something akin to treason to our principles for Single Taxers to vote against such a party even though it favored private ownership of land?

The Legislature of Oregon, controlled by such a party, submitted to the people of that State the most progressive direct legislature amendment which has yet been adopted anywhere—a majority of the people approved this amendment and now as a result of this action of a Republican legislature, Oregon Single Taxers need get but eight per cent. of the voters of the State to sign a demand and they can secure a direct vote on the question of local option, or for that matter on a straight out Single Tax proposition.

2.—Our work should be governed by whatever method of procedure seems to us to be the best to get the Single Tax—that is what we are in business for and not for the purpose of making a spectacular display of how straight we can stand for principle; to let an opportunity go by, to hasten the adoption of the Single Tax on the sole ground that moral principle comes before seeming expediency—seems to be anything but the most moral action imaginable.

DANIEL KIEFER.