

I think we should arrange for the Conference. The country is ripe for the movement.

From Read Gordon, N. Y. City—I presume the Conference would be useful to a degree, if nothing more than exchange of views. My heart is with the movement.

Marion Reedy, editor of the *St. Louis Mirror*, writes that he believes the time is ripe for such a gathering. He says: "The occasion is a splendid one to shake off the apathy to which your circular refers and to give effect to our enthusiasm among people whose minds are in a peculiarly receptive condition toward remedies for the great evils which have been conspicuously pointed out during the last four or five years. You can rely on me through the columns of the *Mirror* to do that I can for the cause. I wish the project all success."

Letters received also from the following persons express hearty sympathy with the project: R. Bostrom, Rev. August Dellgren, S. J. Chubb, C. J. Buell, Rev. John Gregson, De Witt Clinton, E. R. Curry, A. Freeland, S. Tideman, R. B. Brinsmade and many others.

It should be said that the query on the call sent out asking if the Single Tax were dead was inserted merely for the purpose of stirring our friends to self examination. The spirit with which this insinuation is refuted is proof of the fact that the movement is neither dead nor sleeping. Nevertheless, that the state of the movement is not in all respects satisfactory is admitted, and the purpose of the Conference is to adopt measures that will make for a renewal of activities all along the line.

It would not be fair to permit our readers to assume that all communications received by the Committee, any more than the voice of the Conference, were unanimous for a convention in October. Mr. W. L. Crossman, of Boston, expresses himself as doubtful of the value of such a convention. Mr. E. J. Shriver, of New York City, argues frankly against it. Mr. John Z. White desires to be more fully informed of the purpose of such a Conference, of which he will be duly apprised as time goes on. Mr. Fillebrown does not desire to write for publication, not having fully considered the matter. It seems to him, however, that the time is perhaps not just ripe, and that maybe a year or two hence might be a better time. Mr. J. B. Vining does not think that it would be possible to get Ohio Single Taxers at the conference in the autumn in view of the immensely important issues to be there decided. This is of course true, and the absence of Mr. Johnson from such a great national gathering would be a matter of great regret. Still as the decision has been to hold the convention *after* rather than before election, Mr. Vining's objection no longer holds good.

All things considered, the communications tell their own story, which is one of a growing enthusiasm for the project, an enthusiasm which assures a great Conference and the adoption of important measures for the advancement of the cause.

SPEECH OF FREDERICK C. LEUBUSCHER IN OPENING THE DECORATION DAY CONFERENCE.

"The Conference which will be held in October will mark a new phase in the progress of our movement. We have already passed through two stages. The first was when Henry George and Edward McGlynn were the leaders of a host of earnest missionaries, who hoped to accomplish in their own time the regeneration of the social world. Then came a quieter period during which it seemed as if the wave of enthusiasm had receded, but although there were few external manifestations of it, in every community a few earnest workers were engaged in the silent work of discussion with their neighbors. The consequence has been a tremendous spread of the knowledge of the underlying principles of the Single Tax.

"The Single Taxers have observed with apprehension the spread of Socialism which has affected so many branches of the Government and many of our most conspicuous popular leaders, during the past few years. In spite of his innate antagonism to socialistic methods, the Single Taxer has not been wholly sorry for the progress which sentimental socialism has made. He has often proclaimed that the future must choose between him and the socialist, and he is not sorry to see that the time for action is nearly here.

"It is with a view to preparing for this inevitable conflict that the Conference has been projected—to take a count of resources and to devise ways and means of putting before the people the only scheme of economics which stands for the doctrine of inherent individual rights, for a basis of property rights which shall rest in production and not in mere legality, for the principle that value which society creates and wealth which the individual creates are capable of differentiation, and that each product should go to its creator.

"I cannot say at this time whether the Conference in October will be national or international. The time is too short to allow of our co-workers in Great Britain, Germany, Denmark, and Norway, not to speak of the more distant laborers in Australia and New Zealand, to attend. Doubtless we shall have visitors from several of these countries, who will be most welcome."

Daniel Kiefer will spend a protracted vacation in California.