

DR. MARY D. HUSSEY.

Dr. Hussey, secretary of the League, was born in New York City, but has spent most of her life in East Orange, N. J. where she now lives with her father.

Devoted to out-door sports and gardening as a child she still gives much time to the latter. For a number of years she conducted a chapter of the Agassiz Association for nature study.

Began her work for woman suffrage in 1869, when she circulated a petition for Lucy Stone.

Organized the State Association in 1890 and has worked longer for the cause in New Jersey than any one else.

Attended club meetings from the time the Woman's Club of Orange was started in 1872, and has helped to organize many other clubs.

Studied medicine at the college of the New York Infirmary, which her mother helped Dr. Elizabeth Blackwell to start, and graduated from it in 1877; but has not practiced.

Aided her mother in the work of the American Purity Alliance from the time it was organized in 1876.

Graduated from the law school of N. Y. University in 1898. The Women Lawyers' Club of New York grew from a meeting called at her home the next year.

In 1900 she organized the New Jersey Legal Aid Society for which she has since done much work.

"Progress and Poverty" obtained from a library in 1894 converted her to the Single Tax before she knew any one who believed in it. But she soon joined Miss Sarah M. Gay, of Staten Island and Miss Alice and Miss Julia A. Kellogg, of Orange, in the Single Tax Propaganda Association, and later attended a class, led by Prof. L. E. Wilmarth, to study Henry George's book.

She was one of the founders of the Women's National Single Tax League and one of its officers until it became the Women's National Single Tax Committee of which she is secretary.

She is president of the Woman's Single Tax Club of Orange and a member of the

advisory committee of the Fels Fund Commission.

CONVENTION OF THE WOMEN'S
NATIONAL SINGLE TAX
LEAGUE.

The eleventh annual convention of the Women's National Single Tax League opened in Washington, D. C., on Monday, May 27, at the New Ebbitt, where all of the sessions were held with the exception of the Library meeting Monday evening. The Monday morning session was mainly devoted to routine business and reports from clubs, the only address being that of H. Martin Williams, reading clerk of the House of Representatives, who pointed out the dangers arising from land monopoly in this country where a few railroads, fifty-five alien corporations and individuals, and ninety-eight American corporations and individuals own one-sixth of the area of the country.

At the afternoon session Mr. Jackson H. Ralston, speaking of "The Immediate Future," noted the progress being made in Oregon and Missouri, and declared that all that was needed in the dozen States having the initiative and referendum was an earnest group of Single Taxers ready to force the issue. Miss Ada Rhodes, describing "The Result of the English Miners' Strike," declared that even the most conservative English papers now advocate national ownership of the mines as the only permanent remedy. Mr. Herbert J. Browne gave an account of "An Unspoiled People," as he considered the inhabitants of an island near Cuba to be, with no labor problem, no greed nor graft, no land monopoly and only brotherly kindness.

At the evening meeting at the Public Library, Miss Grace Isabel Colbron of New York City, spoke on "Child Welfare and Economic Justice," showing how child labor laws alone will not solve the problem; that it is not caused by parental greed nor entirely by the greed of the mill owner, who is himself the victim of land monopoly. Miss M. Elma Dame, a settlement worker in New York City, spoke on the futility of

settlement work, charity work, and welfare work in the face of economic injustice which breeds misery faster than it can be cured. Hon. Henry George, Jr. of New York gave an address on "Taxation in the District" showing the inequalities of the present system which lays the heaviest burdens upon the poor while allowing the wealthy to escape, and under which every expenditure made by the Federal Government to the city only serves to render it the harder for her citizens to live.

The sessions were resumed at the Ebbitt House on Tuesday morning, and were opened by a talk by Mr. Charles R. Adair on "The Makers and the Takers" in which he pointed out how every improvement in transportation or methods of production benefited in the end, not the inventor nor the laborer, but the landowner. Mrs. Mariette L. Johnson of Alabama, speaking on "Education and Economics," described the methods employed in the Organic School and the Single Tax colony at Fairhope, where the teachers study children rather than lessons, and the students are given books in the earlier years of their training; the aim of the school being to develop the child mentally, physically, and spiritually, into a well-rounded character. Such a school has been carried on for five years at Fairhope with a marked degree of success, and a similar experiment is to be made in Arden this summer.

Rev. Chas. Everest Granger, of Gunton Presbyterian Church, spoke on "The Church and Social Service," declaring that while the pulpit should not be used either for sensationalism or for airing one's own personal political views, still the church had no right to remain silent on the great moral issues of the day, and that those who opposed the preaching of the social message did so either from fear that their own business interests would be injured, or through failure to understand that it was merely the old gospel rightly interpreted.

There was no afternoon session, but at 6:30 the annual banquet was held at the New Ebbitt. The president, Mrs. John S. Crosby, presided, and five-minute toasts were offered as follows: Dr. Mary D. Hussey, "Immediate Effects of the Single

Tax"; Mr. Frederick L. Siddons, "The Female of the Species"; Miss Amy Mali Hicks, "What is Speculative Value?"; Mr. Herbert J. Browne, "The Wise Farmer and the Fool Mule"; Miss Jennie A. Rogers, "The Innate Love of Freedom"; Hon. David J. Lewis, of Maryland, "The Transfer of the Small Shipment, 'Parcels Post'"; Miss Charlotte O. Schetter by request gave a brief extemporaneous talk, congratulating and encouraging the members of the League on their good work; Hon. Henry George, Jr., "The Way Out," and Miss Grace Isabel Colbron concluded the programme by reciting an original Single Tax poem, "Our Message."

The closing session of the convention was held on Wednesday morning, the most important business before the meeting being the change in the form of organization from a league into a national committee with chairman, vice-chairman, secretary and treasurer, and women representatives from mixed clubs as well as from women's clubs. It is hoped that the new, compact organization may be a better working force and reach a larger number of societies. After considerable discussion as to the advantages of the new form of organization, a constitution was adopted and officers were elected as follows: chairman, Mrs. J. S. Crosby of New York; vice-chairman, Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe of Washington, D. C.; secretary, Dr. Mary D. Hussey of East Orange, N. J.; treasurer, Miss Jennie A. Rogers of Brooklyn.

On Wednesday afternoon a reception was tendered the delegates by Mrs. Henry George, Jr., at her home, 1931 Baltimore street, and on Thursday, a Decoration Day picnic was held at the Riverdale home of H. Martin Williams and his niece, Mrs. Agnes Lane; a basket dinner was eaten in the grove at five o'clock, after which the invited guests, who included the Washington club, the League delegates, and the Riverdale neighbors, assembled on the broad piazza and listened to speeches by Miss Grace Colbron, Mr. Wm. D. Mackenzie, Mr. Herbert J. Browne, Mr. C. B. Hemingway, Mrs. Mariette L. Johnson, and Mr. Williams. Refreshments of ice-cream and cake closed the program for the evening, and the merry party enjoyed a

moonlight trolley ride back to the city.

On the Sunday morning preceding the convention, Miss Charlotte O. Schetter of Orange, N. J., addressed the People's Church on "The Truth Shall Make Us Free," and in the evening, Miss Grace Colbron addressed the Socialist Local on "The New Morality."

Further particulars concerning the new form of organization may be obtained from the national secretary, Dr. Mary D. Hussey, 142 North Arlington Avenue, Orange, N. J.—GERTRUDE E. MACKENZIE.

FROM DR. KUEHNER.

EDITOR SINGLE TAX REVIEW:

I was much pleased to receive your beautiful German Number. It is a precious token of the universal power of a great and leading idea all over the world, binding together nations and removing what impedes the way of mutual understanding.

I beg to say a word about the editorial remarks that you appended to my article. I did not mean to say that "Every right becomes such by use." I meant that every right is only such when put into practice, while as long as it is dormant it is powerless. A man who puts his landed property to the highest possible use even though he does not pay any land tax at all, is a producer and working socially by adding to the wealth of the community. If every landlord used his land to the fullest possible use a great many of our hopes would be realized.

I agree with the last of your remarks regarding building restrictions, such as those upon jerry buildings and slum quarters by the police (Baupolizei). With the Single Tax bringing a heaven upon earth and a new race of humanity, there will be no necessity for even the smallest police restrictions. But they can hardly be dispensed with under present conditions.

Dr. F. KUEHNER.

President Thuringia Branch of the Bund der Bodenreform.

"Land is the mother, and labor is the father, of all wealth."—SIR WM. PETTY.

NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS.

MR. EDMUND NORTON is making an extended lecture trip through California. He reports a very greatly increased interest among the people of the State in the subject of taxation.

MR. JOSEPH FELS, irrespective of what else he has done and is doing, has announced that he is prepared to put up another \$25,000 for the Missouri campaign, matching contributions to that special fund dollar for dollar, provided only that \$15,000 is raised from other sources.

HERBERT S. BIGELOW has started a Tent School for voters in Cincinnati with the object of educating the citizens in the provisions of the new constitution.

THE Progressive Republicans of Washington have nominated W. H. Kaufman for State Land Commissioner. Mr Kaufman had the honor of bringing to a successful culmination his agitation for Direct Legislation in South Dakota in the Spring of 1892. This was the first State to adopt this system, and Mr. Kaufman may therefore be said to be the Father of Direct Legislation in America. He is, of course, a Single Taxer.

THE Fayette (Ohio) *Review* in its issue of June 27 has an admirable statement of Single Tax.

JAMES FORMAN, Assessment Commissioner of Toronto, says in the columns of *The Toronto Star*, "I believe that sooner or latter Toronto's assessment system will have to be revised so as to place a higher assessment on land values."

W. E. WHITE, Single Taxer, is candidate for Democratic nomination for County Assessor for Jackson County, Mo.

THE Daily *Herald* of Adelaide, So. Australia, opens its columns to Single