

12th and 13th of July, 1904, at which meeting Mrs. Coope represented the club, and also the National Treasurer, Mrs. Jennie L. Munroe, who was prevented from attending the annual meeting, being called to Colorado on business.

On July 12th, 13th and 14th Single Taxers and others in Washington had the pleasure of meeting and hearing Mr. John Z. White, first at an informal banquet held on the evening of July 12th; on the 13th at a joint picnic held under the auspices of the Equal Suffragists and Single Taxers; and on Sunday afternoon, July 14th, at the People's Church, Dr. Alex. Kent, pastor of the church, presiding.

From the platform of this church anyone having a message in behalf of humanity can be heard at any time.

Thursday, Oct. 27th, 1904, the Washington Single Tax Club will consider the mass meeting to be held in January, 1905, at which time Mr. White is to speak.

The matter of holding a conference of Single Taxers in February or March, 1905, at Fairhope, Ala., has not been discussed generally by Single Taxers of Washington, and it is unlikely that any considerable number would be able to attend. Some would, however, and nearly all Single Taxers of Washington are friendly to Fairhope.

JENNIE L. MUNROE.

News—Foreign.

AUCKLAND, NEW ZEALAND.

The National Single Tax League of New Zealand held a social on the evening of Friday, June 24th. The President of the League, Mr. Fowlds, occupied the chair and about 100 members were present. Some excellent speeches were given and the members generally were thrilled with enthusiasm for the truth. Several clergymen took part in the proceedings. The League's programme on the land question has been very ably presented to the people at a large number of meetings during the last quarter, chiefly by the efforts of Mr. G. Fowlds and Mr. G. Lawrenson, both of whom are members of parliament. During the month of June a series of meetings were held, extending widely over the Auckland Province. The first was held at Devonport, the marine suburb of Auckland, on May 29th. The hall was well filled and the speakers were attentively listened to. The arguments of the two speakers struck deep into the minds of the hearers, and those who attended that meeting will remember it for many years. It must be gratifying to Messrs. Fowlds and Lawrenson to see how effective their work has been, for this meeting undoubtedly influenced the voting at the Rating Unimproved Values poll which was held eight days later in the same borough. Devonport has enjoyed the operation of

Rating Unimproved Values for three years, and it has prospered exceedingly during that period. But the land speculators are mortified at the operation of this system and they made a very determined effort to upset it, but they were disappointed and are doomed to further "outrageous taxation," as they call it. The system of Rating Unimproved Values was maintained by a majority of nearly 3 to 1. This result is very encouraging to land reformers, for it shows not only that Rating Unimproved Values has the beneficent effect that we claim, but it also shows that the people are prepared to appreciate that effect when they see it and that they will firmly uphold the system once it is adopted.

GEORGE STEVENSON.

TORONTO.

There is great news to report from Toronto. We have Single Tax in sight! At least such is the opinion of our more optimistic propagandists. The most conservative of the association's members, however, agree that the tide is flowing our way as it never did before.

To give a clear idea of the advantages of our position it must be recalled that two years ago Mr. Robert Tyson started a movement to secure direct legislation in Toronto municipal affairs by the Winetka system. Ably assisted by Mr. James Simpson, the Socialist ex-president of the District Labor Council, practically all of the aldermen were induced to pledge themselves to grant the request of 3,000 voters to submit any specified measure to the people. These pledges were renewed at the last municipal election, and the promise was made that this obligation should be incorporated in the council's rules of procedure.

The Toronto Single Taxers in common no doubt with their fellow land reformers in other places, have for years been told by politicians that their demands were too radical for practical politics.

"Would you support us were we to reduce our requirements to a request for an exemption of \$700 from the assessment of houses?" asked Mr. Alan Thompson after listening to a statement to this effect made some two years ago by our assessment commissioner.

The commissioner consented to lend his aid to the carrying of such a proposal.

Ald. Dr. Noble had recently been elected to council on a Single Tax platform and the association sought his aid. A measure seeking from the local legislature the necessary power to grant the exemption was introduced in the municipal chamber and referred to a committee. The assessment commissioner then took advantage of an opportunity offered him to throw the weight of his department against the idea by submitting a report full of spurious arguments as to the working out of the scheme. The Single Taxers appeared before