

Committee of the East Welcomes Back Macauley and Robinson

ON May 10, members of the Committee of the East and their friends held a dinner at the Civic Club, N.Y. City, to welcome Messrs. Macauley and Robinson on their return from California and to listen to their reports of Single Tax conditions in that State.

W. J. Wallace presided. He paid a tribute to the efficient and self-sacrificing work of these two men, saying that it was not in our power to repay them. And he added with quiet emphasis, "We shall be in California in 1924."

Lawrence Tracy, Chairman of the New York Single Tax Party, said while it was impossible for us to predict the results of any given course of conduct, he believed that our action would help to speed the work in California, and thanked Messrs. Macauley and Robinson in the name of the New York Party.

George Lloyd said that he thanked God in a most reverent spirit that he had been permitted to do his small part in this great work. At a time when humanity was staggering in the dark it was a great privilege to know that we were the bearers of the message that alone could save the world.

Mr. VanVeen told a good story in characteristic fashion and used the story to point a moral.

Mr. Macauley reviewed in a temperate tone his experience in California, and announced his plan to organize the State for the fight in 1924. He said that the California vote had cost us just six cents a man, and he had urged on the Republican campaign manager that a Single Taxer might profitably be called in to run the Republican campaign next year!

James H. Robinson read a poem by the indefatigable Oliver McKnight, of Centreville, Md. He paid an eloquent tribute to Lona Ingham Robinson, on whom had devolved so much of the work of the campaign.

Chairman Wallace now called upon Antonio Bastida. Mr. Bastida is here on a visit from Cuba. Chairman Wallace referred to him as one of the first members of the Single Tax Party, and, indeed, one of its organizers.

Mr. Bastida considered himself exceedingly favored that after three years' absence he was again permitted to sit down with his old friends. He used as his text the Fourth Commandment, ending with "the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee," to impress upon his hearers that Single Taxers had the support of the Scriptures in their most authoritative utterance.