

The Recent Elections

WE imagine our readers are chiefly interested in California, where Amendment 29 has received in two thirds of the precincts heard from 105,162.

As Bolton Hall says in a letter just received "this is not at all a discouraging result." We are to remember that the measure voted upon was a radical one—far more so than previous amendments. The State organization of Labor did not give its endorsement as it has in the past, and this measure did what other measures have not done—refused to exempt church lands from its provisions.

Besides the word had gone forth that the Single Tax would not appear on the ballot. Then when James A. Robinson arrived in California to execute the will of the Committee of the East with the aid of California Single Taxers and secure the required number of signatures to get the Single Tax amendment on the ballot, the news came late to many voters. This probably cost us much support.

One thing at least is certain. Single Tax sentiment permeates California. Nowhere else in the United States is there a better or more general understanding of what it means. Internal quarrels do not matter. Not one per cent of those who vote for Single Tax either know or care of what is transpiring among the official groups. Ninety-nine per cent of those who vote for Single Tax would probably be surprised to know that there was anybody calling himself a Single Taxer who would want to keep him or her from voting for Single Tax on any plea whatsoever. If he is told that time is needed for education he would probably reply, "You have all the time there is. At all events, I am educated. And there is no better way of educating the people than by political campaigns. And there is no objection at all to your going right ahead in your work of educating the people on the Single Tax while at the same time giving me the opportunity to vote for it."