

efforts of any individual whatever. Hence they belong, of right, to the people."

To the old party candidates for governor Mr. Caffall has addressed the following challenge, and copies of this letter have been forwarded to the newspapers of the State.

"DEAR SIR: The Single Tax Party of the State of New Jersey have honored me with the nomination for Governor at the coming election.

"May I respectfully request that the candidates for this office meet me in debate at some time during the campaign upon the question: 'What is the vital issue before the citizens of New Jersey in this campaign?'

"Should you not find time for personal action in this matter, any speaker nominated to represent your candidacy would be acceptable to me so far as I personally am concerned. A revival of the ancient tournament in the political field would surely interest the public."

New York

THE work of getting signatures for the nominees of the Single Tax party is proceeding satisfactorily. Some of the candidates are well known to the voters of this city, especially the two candidates for the judiciary, John J. Sheppard, brother of United States Senator Sheppard, and Samuel Bell Thomas. (See July-August SINGLE TAX REVIEW.)

The judiciary nominees will cover all of Greater New York, thus enabling every Single Taxer in this section to register his adherence to the cause of Henry George. Candidates for Congress and the legislature will appear on the ballot in some of the districts. (See July-August REVIEW.)

Our friends are urged to aid with their contributions the campaign now beginning. Whatever opinion may be entertained with regard to the importance of political action for the Single Tax, its usefulness to the cause in securing publicity should be obvious to all those not wilfully blind to the facts.

The little group at party headquarters are doing good work. There have been distributed tens of thousands of pamphlets and over fifty street meetings have been held. The Saturday night lectures have been well attended, due largely to the untiring work of Morris VanVeen who has given this activity his special attention.

On Sept. 16 Edward Owings Towne, Single Taxer, member of the party, and well known writer and lecturer on philosophy, delivered an address on "The False Philosophy of Omar Khayyam," and exhibited a great feat of memory by reciting, with fine elocutionary effect, the whole of the Rubaiyat, together with an almost complete paraphrase of his own animated by a much finer spirit, and not unworthy of Fitzgerald himself.

On Saturday, Sept. 23, Mr. Harold E. Simmelkjaer, a prominent colored lawyer and publicist, spoke on "The Outlines of the Negro Problem and Some Proposed Solutions." His presentation was a calm and forcible appeal for justice to the Negro. He admitted that the Single Tax

would go far in providing a remedy, but he does not yet see it fully. The speaker left an excellent impression.

On Saturday, Sept. 30, Oscar H. Geiger delivered a remarkable address, his title being "The Single Tax a Universal Panacea, and the Solution of all Human Differences." The title was deliberately chosen for the purpose of provoking discussion, and the lecturer got it. The eloquent and gifted speaker brought conviction to his audience. It is a high compliment to the speaker, and also to the unremitting efforts of Mr. VanVeen, who has done so much to make these lectures a success, that there was a large overflow that could not be accommodated with seats, though a large number of extra chairs were secured from a neighboring church.

The outdoor meetings continue with Messrs. Lloyd and VanVeen doing yeoman service.

New York Celebrates Henry George's Birthday

THE Single Tax Party of New York held a dinner in commemoration of the anniversary of the birth of Henry George at the Aldine Club, on the evening of September 13th, at which many of George's old-time friends, and many new converts to the principles he advocated were present. The gathering was made the occasion for stirring appeals for a revival of the missionary ardor that marked the memorable mayoralty campaign of 1897, in which the Prophet of San Francisco again raised the standard under which he had fought eleven years before and died gloriously battling for the inalienable rights of men.

The keynote of the dinner was given by Oscar Geiger, in an eloquent tribute to the first great preacher of human brotherhood who had shown a practical way in which the doctrine of peace, justice, good will and harmony in the social order can be applied. The supreme merit of the philosophy of the natural order was that it showed clearly a simple method by which the high ideals of the world's prophets and teachers could be realized. Mr. Geiger's address carried his hearers to the higher plane on which the great reform we advocate must be regarded as the New Evangel.

Dr. John H. Girdner, who was Henry George's physician during the exciting weeks of the 1897 campaign, held his hearers' closest attention as he talked of the personality of the modest, unassuming leader who met the advice of his physicians that the strain of the mayoralty contest might have a fatal result, with, "Even if it were so, if I could do something to advance the cause for which I have lived and worked, how could I do better than to give my life in the effort to bring the truth that I see before the people." The story of the great meetings at which Henry George spoke on the evening before his death, and of the little group of friends who sat with him at supper late that night, was told with moving pathos. Dr. Girdner referred to Jerry O'Neill as one who possessed the love and confidence of Mr. George.