

## HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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The basic idea of the School originated with the late Oscar Geiger, of New York, who evolved the idea of a systematic teaching of the basic principles of political economy through the medium of a *Manual* containing questions and answers based on *Progress and Poverty* as text-book. The success of this method in the United States has led to its adoption in other countries.

At the recent International Conference for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade held in London in September a valuable paper on the method of teaching and its results was given by Mr Lancaster Greene, one of the Trustees of the American School. At the close of the Conference a meeting of those interested was held, at which it was decided to form a British School. A temporary committee was appointed consisting of Messrs H. A. Berens, F. C. R. Douglas, Frank Fox, Wilfrid Harrison, Leon McLaren, William Reid, and R. R. Stokes (Chairman) with Miss Frances R. Levy as Hon. Secretary. This committee undertook to make arrangements for the formation of classes, and for the appointment of a permanent Board of Governors for the School. Its work was made possible by a grant of £250 from the English League for the Taxation of Land Values and by the supply of *Manuals* for Teachers free of charge by the American School. Grateful acknowledgment is also made of various other donations to the work of the School.

As a result of the enthusiastic co-operation of the followers of Henry George throughout the country eighteen classes were formed with a total enrolment of 209 students. The location of the classes and the names of the tutors are as follows: London (three classes), Messrs Leon McLaren, H. A. Berens and W. Hildreth; Liverpool, Mr F. R. Jones; Bootle, Mr J. W. Foley; Birkenhead, Mr Curzon Newhouse; Waterloo (Liverpool), Mr E. J. McManus; Codnor, Mr George Musson; Belfast, Mr George Green; Keighley, Mr Howard Binns; Manchester, Mr D. J. J. Owen; Streatham (London), Mr F. L. Crilly; Birmingham, Mr Chapman Wright; Halifax, Mr C. H. Smithson; Glasgow (two classes), Mr William Reid and Mr John Wilson; St. Andrews, Mr J. T. Haxton; Sheffield, Mr H. G. McGhee, M.P.

Most of these classes were formed by the middle of October and were able to complete the course of ten sessions before Christmas, others formed later are still continuing. It is hoped that in most of these centres new classes will be started in 1937, and additional classes are contemplated in various centres.

As a result of arrangements made by the temporary committee a new Board of Governors has been elected to hold office until the end of 1937. The names of Board and the organizations electing them are as follows: Mr E. J. Brierley (Bristol League), Mr J. L. Hamilton (Clitheroe Henry George Group), Mr Frank Fox (English League), Mr F. R. Jones (Liverpool League), Mr E. M. Ginders (Manchester League), Mr Chapman Wright (Midland League), Mr W. R. Lester (Portsmouth League), Mr William Reid (Scottish League), Mr Andrew McLaren, M.P. (Tunstall and District Georgian Society), Mr Wilfrid Harrison (United Committee), Mr Eustace Davies (Welsh League), Mr Ashley Mitchell (Yorkshire and Northern League). The Board at its first meeting adopted a simple constitution for the School and appointed Mr F. C. R. Douglas as Hon. Secretary. The office of the School will henceforth be at the above address to which all communications should be addressed.

It need hardly be emphasized that the urgent need of the School is more classes and more teachers. To those who have not conducted such classes before it may be said that they need not have had any practical experience of teaching. A fair understanding of the subject matter is the essential requisite. The rest is made easy by the use of the *Teacher's Manual* containing questions and answers on each section of *Progress and Poverty*. The students are supplied with a set of the questions (without answers) to be discussed at each lesson, and the function of the tutor is rather to guide the students in answering and discussing the questions than to lecture to them. Would-be tutors should not therefore be discouraged by the idea that they have to give a series of formal lectures. The essential part is that the student studies the text-book and answers questions in class.

The experience so far gained shows that tutors find their work interesting and agreeable. One writes, for instance: "Our fifth session takes place to-morrow evening and I am pleased to say I have a most efficient and enthusiastic class who all show a really remarkable grasp of the principles of *Progress and Poverty*. They have very rarely been doubtful in answering the questions on the sheet. I am very pleased and have gained myself from this new interest in Henry George."

A new and revised edition of the *Teacher's Manual* issued by the American School is expected to be available at an early date. The Henry George Foundation of Great Britain is also issuing an *Economic Manual* to be published early this year which may be had by those who prefer it.

Those who desire more detailed information and assistance in circularizing prospective students or in other ways are urged to write to the Secretary, Henry George School of Social Science, 94 Petty France, London, S.W.1.

### New Classes

In addition to certain of the classes mentioned above which are continuing into 1937, the following new classes are announced:—

Town	Tutor	First Meeting
Stockport ...	D. J. J. Owen ...	Wednesday, 6th January
Belfast ...	George Green ...	Royal Avenue Hotel, Tuesday, 19th January
Bootle ... (two classes)	Jos. W. Foley ...	Bedford Chambers, 41b Stanley Road, Bootle, 12th & 13th January
Keighley ...	H. Binns ...	129 Skipton Road, Keighley, 14th January
Birmingham	Chapman Wright	Council School, Little Green Lane, Small Heath (Date to be arranged.)
Manchester ...	A. H. Weller ...	69 Piccadilly, Manchester.
Streatham, London ...	F. L. Crilly ...	26a Mount Nod Road, Streatham. (Date to be arranged.)
Codnor ...	G. Musson ...	8th January. Mill Lane Schools
Liverpool ...	F. R. Jones ...	20th January, 21, Harring- ton Street
Clitheroe ...	J. L. Hamilton ...	(Date to be arranged.)
Cardiff ...	C. A. Gardner ...	ditto.
Liverpool ...	E. J. McManus ...	ditto.

A central class, out of which it is hoped the students will become teachers or organizers of classes in their own home neighbourhood, will be conducted by Mr A. W. Madsen in the large Committee room at 94 Petty France, Westminster, beginning on 21st January and continuing weekly—that is, every Thursday—from 7 to 9 p.m. The address is next door to St James's Park Underground Station. Lift in operation. As with all the School's classes, there is no fee, the only expense on the part of the student is the necessary 1s. for purchase of *Progress and Poverty* if he or she does not have it already.