

Henry George School of Social Science

Edwin Ross, who had been occupying the position of Assistant Director at headquarters, has been transferred to Philadelphia, where he is now serving as Field Director, in the same capacity as John Lawrence Monroe in Chicago, and Teresa McCarthy in New Jersey. Plans are under way to incorporate the Henry George School of Philadelphia under the laws of the State of Pennsylvania.

At headquarters, the new Assistant Director is Miss Margaret Bateman, of Montreal, Canada. Miss Bateman considers her stay at the School a period of training, after which she will return to Canada to apply the experience she has gained to the Canadian School of Economic Science, thus following the precedent of the other Field Directors. The lady from Canada has won every one with her charm. Miss Bateman was formerly a sales promotion manager for Standard Brands. She is also one of the Directors of the Montreal School of Economic Science. A few years ago Miss Bateman toured Europe. She was especially impressed by the Folk Schools of Denmark, and it is her ambition to establish similar schools in Canada. She believes that such a venture would do much to stimulate interest in Georgeist philosophy, as indeed it has done in Denmark.

A new procedure has been adopted in the schedule of the courses in Fundamental Economics. A fifteen-week semester will start afresh every month. The classes are being staggered so that people who have missed the first two weeks of one semester will not have to wait thirteen weeks to enroll. There were about 1000 enrollments for the February classes in Fundamental Economics and 500 for the advanced courses. Mr. Paul Peach has started a class in Mathematical Statistics. He hopes to prepare his students to cope with statistical problems. About 350 enrolled for the March course. Another semester started the week of April 7th.

BERKELEY, CALIF.

Miss Helen D. Denbigh, co-leader with Miss Grace Johnston of the Berkeley Henry George School, sends us the following charming account of "A School Day Outdoors, in California":

The East Bay Extension of the Henry George School had finished all the work connected with its classes, and there was to be a short interval before the work of organizing new classes began. Miss Grace Johnston invited a little group of workers in the cause to join her in a trip along the open road, in her new Pontiac. We went by way of Berkeley over the Carquinez Bridge to the rapidly growing town of Vallejo (with the Mare Island Navy Yard at its left); then we passed through the lovely vineyard country of the Napa Valley, with its wineries and quaint houses.

About noon we arrived in Calistoga, and after lunch, set off for Healdsburg and the Russian River with its great redwoods, standing in peaceful majesty, with their towering trunks feathered by soft greenery toward the top. The Russian River is so named because

of an attempt by Russians early in California's history to found a fur-trading colony. Their fort built at Ross still stands. We followed the river's winding turns through lovely country to its mouth at Jenner. There, at sunset, we saw the fresh water meet the salt ocean on the sand bar at the river's end. Great broken earthy islets stand out from the shore. Headlands such as these are frequent on this comparatively gentle Pacific Coast.

We hurried home along the shore as night fell, passing the fishing villages and the home-coming boats, and watching lights appear in homes. A glorious day we had, spent in goodly company.

"I think our movement needs a spiritual home, and I think that home should be the School," said Oscar Geiger, on just such a lovely outdoor day spent at Mahwah River in Suffern, New York, with students and friends of the School, in June 1934. "Fellowship grows by association," said John Lawrence Monroe to me once. The interchange of ideas and companionship on such a day as this, we've found, brings forth good fruit in the working days that follow.

Manhattan Single Tax Club

President Ingersoll is chairman of a committee of four, including himself, John H. Allen, Alfred N. Chandler, and Mrs. Olive C. Sanford, which is working vigorously and systematically for the passage of the Sanford Land Value Tax Bill through the New Jersey Legislature. This is the same bill that passed the Assembly in 1939. Originally written by George L. Record, it would enable municipalities to remove in five equal annual installments the taxes on improvements and personalty, and simultaneously to increase at the same rate the tax on land values.

In the belief that this is a splendid opportunity to publicize the Georgeist philosophy, the Manhattan Single Tax Club is devoting every facility to the prosecution of this campaign. It has arranged for Mr. Harry Haase, Director of the School of Democracy, to assist in the interviewing of legislators and general propagation.

American Alliance to Advance Freedom

The Alliance has organized two groups of Georgeists, who, under the leadership of experienced teachers, are training themselves in the use of an "Outline for Discussion, of Current Problems in the Light of the Philosophy of Henry George." The "Outline" was prepared by Gilbert M. Tucker, a member of the Provisional Executive Board of the Alliance. The members of these groups, when they become proficient in the use of the "Outline," will then organize and lead discussion groups of non-Georgeists in accordance with a plan for spreading Henry George's teachings.

An enthusiastic capacity crowd attended a general meeting of Georgeists called by the Alliance and held at the Hotel Collingwood, New York, on March 7th.

Another general meeting has been called for the evening of April 18th, at the City Club Building, 55 West 44th Street,

New York. The program will include a round-table discussion on the topic, "Roads to Georgeism." About half a dozen Georgeists, representing different points of view, will discuss their ideas on the best methods to advance Georgeism. All Georgeists are invited to attend. Admission is free.

Readers are invited to send for a complimentary copy of "A Proposal for Georgeist Action Now," an eloquent plea based on the writings of Henry George and an analysis of the present world situation. Address your request to: Mr. Elbert E. Josefson, Secretary, American Alliance to Advance Freedom, Suite 505, 22 West 48th Street, New York, N. Y.

The Two Commonweals

After a lapse of some time, we are happy to receive a letter from J. W. Graham Peace. He writes:

"It is now a long time since I have seen LAND AND FREEDOM. I am lost without word from American friends. The war must be the reason, I suppose.

"In case you had thought us dead, let me tell you that nearly 200 meetings were held during last year; and in spite of the blackout and numerous other inconveniences, several open air meetings have been held in central London—often interrupted by the barking of the A-A guns a few hundred yards away from our stand.

"There will be much to report when the present check (it is not a ban) is eased, and the press is restored to its former freedom. Don't misunderstand me. The censorship is voluntary—if the writer is prepared to take the consequences of any mistake he may make in judging the likely effect of his writing upon readers here or overseas."

Mr. Peace is hoping to re-establish his admirable little weekly publication, *Commonweal*, which was temporarily suspended when the war broke out. If interested in supporting this paper, communicate with Mr. J. W. Graham Peace, 6 The Close, Rayners Lane, Pinner, Middlesex, England.

Another *Commonweal* that was suspended for a while and has recently been revived, is the New Zealand publication of that name, edited by T. E. McMillan. The January-February issue contains a discussion of the New Zealand Labor Government's policy on land nationalization. A leasehold tenure has been devised, to supplant the old freehold tenure. The People's Movement, a political organization, is endeavoring to restore a true freehold system, and New Zealand Georgeists see in this an opportunity to influence the People's Movement with Henry George's proposals. If interested in the New Zealand *Commonweal*, address T. E. McMillan, Hohaia Street, Matamata, New Zealand.

Australia

In the House of Assembly elections, on March 29th, there were three candidates advocating Henry George principles. They were: Charles Hobbs, for the District of Stuart, J. P. Moore, for the District of Eyre; and our old friend, E. J. Craigie, for the District of Flinders. Mr. Craigie is a candidate for re-election, the other two being new candidates. We have not yet received the results of the voting. It will be reported in our next issue.

In the Manifesto to the Electors, the three men stand for undiluted Georgeism. To quote: "We are aware that governmental activities cannot be maintained without revenue, and we also know there is no justification for the taxation of industry until the *natural revenue* proves insufficient to meet the cost of all *necessary* government. What is this Natural Revenue? It is the *Land Rent Fund*. How is this brought into existence? Simply by the presence of the people! . . . Any student of economics knows that in the centers where there is the greatest population and where social services have been provided to the greatest extent, there also will be found the highest unimproved land values. This is because of the operation of a natural law which automatically provides a land value fund sufficient to defray the cost of necessary government services . . . Up to the present party governments have allowed this *community-created fund* to be appropriated by private individuals, and have then taxed industry to meet the cost of government; with the result that many forms of industry have broken under the strain. Are you going to allow this unjust policy to continue?"

There will also be Georgeist candidates in the May elections in New South Wales. *The People's Advocate* reports the formation of a new Georgeist party, the New Social Order Party. We quote: "The Party is a development from the Henry George School of Social Science in New South Wales. The young men associated with the School hold the opinion that political action is necessary to apply Henry George principles to the vital affairs of life, hence it is their intention to run candidates at the forthcoming elections in New South Wales next May. We wish them success in their efforts, and trust that they will be able to secure the election of a number of their members to voice sound principles in the New South Wales halls of legislature."

Argentina

A remarkable series of lectures was given Yby Sr. B. Maciello of Rosario, presenting in a didactic and popular way the abstruse principles of Henry George's "Science of Political Economy." The lectures, delivered at a motion picture theater, were heightened by the use of pictorial slides, illustrating the three factors of the world, the laws of production and the laws of distribution. The project was undertaken with the cooperation of the Cinematografia Colon Studios.