

it would make interesting reading, but just as long as land is sold for \$5,000 per acre and will only produce less than \$1,000 per acre, what else shall we have but chaos? Veterans are invited to take up loans to purchase a home at much inflated prices after having fought for the land of the free, liberty and so forth, and in England I note that there are more controls now than the two Dictators ever thought of. Truly a State ownership of everything except one's thoughts. The same almost applies here after years of sacrifice to defeat the very thing they slowly installed under the guise of emergency, government grants, etc.—*Albert R. Gould, California.*

CANADIAN EXPECTATIONS

It was a real pleasure a few months ago to again have the opportunity to talk with Mr. Ashley Mitchell, while he was passing through here, and learn a number of things which we all often think of and would like to be fully and currently informed on, but seldom or never have the occasion to broach. We were glad to read in the October issue of *LAND & LIBERTY* of the resolution by the Manchester City Council 'that the General and Parliamentary Committee should call a representative conference of rating authorities to consider the advisability of joint action to secure powers from Parliament to levy a tax on Land Values.' We over here sincerely hope that the matter is followed up and pushed along as fast as it is possible, also that the M.P.s may soon adopt this measure so that it can be laid before the House of Lords without much if further delay. We consider that if this becomes law in Great Britain and the 250 odd municipalities over there have good results, it will be the thin edge of the wedge towards obtaining followers in many other places all over the world.—*Oscar Boelens, Montreal.*

A BOSTON CRITICISM

I am amazed, as would be anyone in this country, that your people should consider such Planning as doing an injury to land values, as something for which compensation should be paid to the landowner. We have enjoyed what I suppose is the equivalent of Planning for some years; we call it Zoning. It was devised and is used for preserving land values from the injury that might come from ill-advised development. For example, a residential district might suffer injury from an incompatible commercial or industrial use of land within or near it. The restriction of such use is regarded universally as within the police powers of our states and as preserving or safeguarding the property values of the cities and towns. No-one here would think of compensating a landowner for a zoning restriction imposed on his property. I will send you a copy of the Zoning Law of the City of Boston and the Zoning By-Law, as it is called, of the town of Wellesley, that you may see exactly what we mean by zoning. Perhaps your Town and Country Planning is different.—*J. R. Nichols, Boston, Mass.*

GOOD INSTRUCTION IN CALIFORNIA

Early in November, I was meeting with a small group in San Diego and got two of those present to send subscriptions to the International Union. They will no doubt reach you in due course via the Schalkenbach Foundation in N.Y. The San Diego branch of the Henry George School of Social Science is in the capable hands of Mrs. Bessie B. Truehart and is one of the few branches functioning on a wholly self-supporting basis. In a relatively short time, Mrs. Truehart has organised study classes which meet in various parts of the City regularly and which are growing steadily in numbers and popularity. The H.G.S.S.S. in Los Angeles is also growing, with classes not only in many parts of Los Angeles, but also in several of the suburbs, such as Pasadena, Glendale, Alhambra, Long Beach, etc.—*J. Rupert Mason, San Francisco.*

A section of Central Park, New York City, is beautified by a number of memorial and honorary trees dedicated to the memory of notable men. There on October 29, the anniversary of his death, an oak tree was planted to commemorate Henry George. Dedication addresses were given by his granddaughter Miss Agnes de Mille, by Lawson Purdy, who was president of the Department of Taxes and Assessments for eleven years and now heads the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation under whose auspices the tree was planted, and by Commissioner of Purchases Albert Pleydell. During the ceremony, which was broadcast over the municipal station WNYC, Mrs. Anna George de Mille unveiled a plaque describing Henry George as 'Philosopher and Economist Author of *Progress and Poverty*' and she placed a laurel wreath at the foot of the memorial.

Dr. Bernard Ascher, Haifa, is congratulated on the first prize he has won in a competition held by the Palestine Broadcasting Service. He now contemplates a radio play for the P.B.S. in the form of a discussion in heaven between Henry George and others, perhaps in the Linklater style. Dr. Ascher's great industry as a writer includes his recent contribution to *Dawar*, in Hebrew, on Co-operative Production and the Price of Land; a long and instructive communication to the Bulletin of the German League in Berlin for Land and Liberty and he has gathered materials for an article on the capital value and the annual value of all land in Palestine apart from improvements. Last named would suit well for a paper at the next Conference of our International Union.

The September number of the *Roman Forum* (Los Angeles) reports at full length the radio address over Station KFVD, given by Mr. F. W. Roman, on September 3, the 107th anniversary of the birth of Henry George. The speaker's references to the Mosaic Law, the doctrines of the French Physiocrats and the democracy of Jefferson, Franklin, Paine and others, helped to a fuller realisation of Henry George's life and work, and his service to humanity.

Mr. C. Le Baron Goeller has provided from his publishing centre at Endwell, New York (noted for its steady flow of leaflets and tracts with textual quotations from Henry George's works) a compilation of his own entitled 'The True Story of How Civilized Man Makes a Living.' In this brochure of 24 pages the reader is introduced to the study of Political Economy in a simple and arresting way and so that he realises how essential it is to have a clear understanding, particularly of the nature and function of economic rent. Helpful diagrams illustrate the general argument which is that the problem of the distribution of wealth is solved justly and with the preservation of Liberty if but the laws which a true Political Economy reveals are faithfully observed. Mr. Goeller's brochure is obtainable from him at the price of 25 cents.

REV. CHR. NORLEV

THE Danish Henry George movement has sustained a heavy loss by the sudden death of Pastor Chr. Norlev, one of the three members of the Justice Party in the Danish Parliament. The tributes paid to him in the Danish papers of all shades of opinion speak of him as a man who stood high in the regard of his fellow citizens for his ardent devotion to the cause of human freedom and the brotherhood of man. He endeared himself with all with whom he was associated in his life's work, and in his pastorate in Vangede, near Copenhagen, he was especially beloved. He entered Parliament in 1943, but long before that, as writer and speaker with the faculty of giving expression to his views with unusual simplicity and charm, he had rendered giant service. Brought up as a carpenter, he was the first lay preacher to be appointed in Denmark, his first mission in Asko in 1922, later he was parish priest at the Gethsemane Church in Copenhagen, and in 1931 he took over the large pastorate in Vangede. For many years he was secretary of the Christian Social Union. His was a spirit which, as the President of Parliament, Mr. Bomholt said in his in memoriam address, burned for truth and righteousness, and as his colleague Dr. Viggo Starcke said, his work for the Justice Union, in the political arena, was a natural and essential side of his religious faith and service among the people. That is shown in his latest book, *Jesus of Nazareth*, seen from the modern social point of view, for which incidentally a Dutch translation is being prepared and which we hope may yet appear in English. He was one of the most industrious pamphleteers and contributors to the press for the Henry George movement. His British friends will remember his attendance at the International Conference in London in 1936, and the illuminating paper he gave on the Problems of Population. He was in constant communication with *LAND & LIBERTY*, and, in fact, one of his last letters was that written to us in hospital as he was recovering as he had hoped from a serious operation. His funeral was attended by a great throng of mourners, and with them and the family in their bereavement we are joined in all sympathy.

Mr. Norlev's place in Parliament is taken by Mr. Knud Tholstrup, nephew of the late Mr. Peter Larsen, whose contribution as translator of several of George's works and authorship of much of the literature of the movement is well known.