

pre-empted land site values, with corresponding relief given to constructive effort and improvements . . . From the viewpoint of your city's financial officer, it appears that in the long run public benefit will arise not from the scattering of various new taxes, but from the suitable application of already known and theoretically sound revenue levies. When further enactments of the Pennsylvania Assembly may be needed to such purpose, I think the subject should be urged upon the attention of our State representatives."

SAMUEL LINDSAY

We have learned with regret of the death last June of Mr. Samuel Lindsay, at the advanced age of 94. Born in Ireland, he became imbued with the doctrine of Henry George as a young man in Victoria, largely as a result of his association with the late Max Hirsch, for whom he arranged many public meetings. The greater part of his life he spent in South Australia where he twice sought election to the House of Assembly, unsuccessfully contesting in 1921 and 1924 as a single tax candidate the Flinders District constituency subsequently won by Mr. E. J. Craigie. Later he unsuccessfully stood as candidate for the Boothby District of the House of Representatives in the Federal Parliament. He travelled extensively in the course of business, everywhere distributing literature on the land question, enrolling members for the Henry George movement, gaining subscribers to *The People's Advocate*, and addressing public meetings. He was a founder member of what is now the Kimba branch of the Henry George League of South Australia.

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

Westminster. The course of ten lectures, "The Basic Principles of Economics and Social Philosophy," began on March 31 with 18 new students. Given by V. H. Blundell (Director of Studies) the lectures last for one hour, the second hour of the evening being devoted to questions and discussion. The syllabus is as follows: *Introduction—Production and Distribution; Land and the Nature of Rent; Labour and Wages; Capital and Interest; Value and Price; Money; Keynesian Economics; The Planned Economy; Justice in the Distribution of Wealth; Practical Politics.* Lecture notes are issued to students together with a series of questions and answers summarising the ground covered each week.

The course on International Trade began on the same day and, conducted by Mr. V. G. Saldji, attracted a large number of previous students of the Basic Course. Supplementary to Henry George's *Protection or Free Trade* as reading material are the publications, *The Economics of the Dollar Shortage, Sound Money versus Inflation* and *Essays on Free Trade.* Attendance at both courses is being well sustained.

Informal Tuesday evening meetings devoted to helping the work of the School will continue throughout the summer. Additions to the "staff" have made possible an extension of the work of the research department (collation, filing and indexing of material for the use of writers, tutors and lecturers). Regular production of the School Magazine entails typing, stencilling, sorting, envelope addressing, which is maintained with enthusiasm.

Palmer's Green. The work of establishing an effective and self-supporting branch is proceeding well. School workers have the ground floor of a building which has all facilities for lectures, work and refreshments and it is being put to good use. Lectures are being held every fortnight and in the intervening weeks students meet to arrange and discuss means of local propaganda and also to work on a sub-section of the research work of the School. During March and April the following lectures were held: *The Economic and Social Aspects of the Housing Problem* (V. G. Saldji); *The Land Question in Parliament* (V. H. Blundell); *Strikes and the National Press* (J. G. Bathe). The next lecture

will be held on May 18 when Mr. Harold Tasker will speak on *The Hazards of Competitive Retail Trading* with special reference to rents, rates and leases.

Specifically and solely for the purpose of raising funds so that this branch may as far as possible be financially self-supporting, a public Whist Drive was arranged for Saturday evening, May 14. (Opportunities this offered for publicising the work of the School were not missed.)

During the General Election students will attend local public meetings to question candidates and, by participating in discussions, will focus attention on the importance of the land question and free trade.

Welling. Eighteen advanced students enrolled for the class on International Trade which Mr. C. A. E. Aitken is conducting. From the earlier classes held at this branch a strong nucleus of supporters of the School has been built up. It is planned, as in Palmer's Green, to hold a succession of lectures alternating with informal meetings as soon as the present course ends so that interest can be maintained throughout the summer. Mr. N. W. Foster who, with the help of Mr. Eric Syddique, has been responsible for the development of the School in Welling has organised a country walk through the heart of Kent on Whit-Sunday; students from other centres are being invited and this will provide an opportunity for those working for the same ideas to become better acquainted. Members of the Welling group have already begun to participate in local meetings held in connection with the coming Election.

On Monday, May 16, Mr. V. G. Saldji gave an address on "The Tragedy of Kenya" at the Welling Branch Library.

Iford. Fifteen students re-enrolled for the new course on International Trade which began at Gants Hill Branch Library, on April 6, under the tutorship of Mr. A. L. Roberts. The expansion of activities in this area with the help of previous students is being considered and it is hoped that a start can be made next September.

Beckenham. After the successful conclusion of a class on The Science of Political Economy conducted by Mr. Charles A. E. Aitken, students are meeting for informal discussion at the Beckenham Branch Library. Progress in this new area has been encouraging. It is anticipated that new classes will begin in the autumn.

Croydon. At the end-of-term meeting of the International Trade class conducted by Messrs. P. O'Leary and K. Critchlow, Mr. V. H. Blundell addressed the students on "Popular Economic Fallacies." At the close of the meeting he asked for the co-operation of those present in building up an effective group in the Croydon and Thornton Heath area. Much work in organising the previous classes had been done by a faithful band of regular workers who in all kinds of weather had distributed thousands of leaflets advertising the School. The possibility of extending the classes to the Carshalton area is under consideration.

Lecture to University Liberals. At the request of the President of the Cambridge University Liberal Club, Mr. V. H. Blundell visited Cambridge on Sunday, April 24, to address members on "The Economics and Ethics of Land Ownership." The meeting was held at Corpus Christi College and was exceptionally well attended. Emphasising the essential economic and moral differences, between land and the products of man, the speaker asserted that however modern economic jargon might be used to conceal them, fundamental principles were inescapable. The mania for state planning resulting in the vast superstructure of restrictions gave rise to new problems. In the wilderness of a planned economy essential facts were forgotten, basic principles ignored and preoccupation with effects gave rise to the belief that Economics was not a science. Only a thorough understanding of the issues involved and a logical conception of the nature of political economy could show the right way to build the future. The discussion was lively and questions were fired in rapid succession. Although there was not general agreement with all that the speaker had to say there was no doubt that he provoked considerable thought. This was well confirmed when a large quantity of literature which Mr. Blundell had taken with him to Cambridge, was seized upon at the end of the meeting. A letter from the President received at the School a few days later gave testimony to the interest aroused.