

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The spring term of eight economic classes which opened in early April consists of five advanced Classes and three Basic Course Classes. In all, 88 students enrolled, almost two-thirds of them being enrolments for the continuation courses. This term there were fewer tutors available for the basic courses as a larger number are engaged in taking the advanced classes.

An analysis of the occupations of new students indicates that the School is interesting a wide variety of people. Among these are students, salesmen, nurses, typists, housewives, etc., a high proportion of civil servants and teachers, a film technician and a musician. Enrolments by recommendation accounted for the largest number of new students, with advertisements in the *New Statesman and Nation* and on the Underground a close second.

Before the autumn term begins next September, it is planned to hold a series of one-day Conferences for tutors and for potential tutors. A number of advanced students have already expressed their desire to be trained as tutors. Details will be announced later.

Westminster. The new Class on International Trade (Tuesdays) is being conducted by Mr. V. G. Saldji and includes a number of his own January Basic Course students. Mr. V. H. Blundell (Director of Studies) is taking a class of 12 students through the new course "Current Economic Theories." The text book for this course is Henry Hazlitt's *Economics in One Lesson* and while the book deals primarily with current economic fallacies, opportunity is taken at every lesson to relate the problems involved to Henry George's fundamental principles. The class is being held on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The new Basic Course (text book *Progress and Poverty*, new condensed edition) is being conducted by Mr. G. L. Birch and is held on Thursdays at 7 p.m.

The regular "work nights" (Tuesday and Thursday evenings) continue with the regular band of voluntary workers who attend to a great deal of the clerical work of the School, and edit, type and produce the monthly School Magazine. (Complimentary copy sent on request.) Indexing, filing, correspondence and maintenance of the registers, are among the many other duties undertaken. While the hard core of volunteers remains, there is always a flow of new helpers who come when they have time available.

Welling. Dr. R. Johne, foundation tutor of the Welling branch of the School, who has taken classes regularly during the last few years, has now left to take up residence—and a new position—in Birkenhead, Cheshire. On the eve of his departure he was presented with a gift of Fowler's *English Usage* and a *Dictionary of Quotations and Proverbs* together with a book rest, as a token of the esteem in which he was held by his students and friends at the Welling School. An illuminated Address signed by all who knew him was also presented to him. It is anticipated that Dr. Johne, when he is settled, will help to restart the School's Classes in the Liverpool area. A reception in his honour was held in the Exchange Hotel, Liverpool, on Wednesday, May 2. The Meeting was sponsored by the United Committee, of whom Dr. Johne is an executive member, and arranged in conjunction with the Liverpool Land-Value Taxation League. The loss of Dr. Johne is a severe blow to the Welling branch but it is anticipated that from among the many students he taught, there will emerge tutors who will carry on with the good work so ably begun by their mentor.

The January term students of the Basic Course conducted by Dr. Johne have enrolled for a course on International

Trade (Tuesday, 7 p.m.)—Mr. Stephen Martin stepping into the breach as tutor. Mr. Martin is also continuing with his duties as Chairman of the N.W. Kent Branch of the Land-Value Taxation League, which is composed of former students of the Welling Classes. Meetings are held regularly every Wednesday.

It is with pleasure that we announce the marriage of Mr. N. W. Foster to Mrs. Jackie Dowell-Hentall, which took place a few weeks ago. Mr. Foster is Hon. Secretary of the League. The new Mrs. Foster was an early student at the Welling Classes and is an enthusiastic worker for the School and for the League. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Foster every happiness for the future.

Ilford. Two classes are at present running in the Ilford area, on Wednesdays (8 p.m.). One is a class for the study of International Trade, tutored by Mr. Oliver French—its students being those who have just completed the basic course under him. The new basic course is being tutored by Mr. A. L. Roberts and began well with 12 students. Both classes are being held at the Ilford Club, Balfour Road, a rather old-fashioned club-house, which offers very comfortable accommodation in pleasant surroundings; refreshments are provided and facilities have been made available to students by the Ilford Club. A member of Mr. Roberts' former students are attending his class as a refresher course—some with an eye to tutoring a class themselves at a later date.

Palmers Green. A number of students who completed the courses in the North London area (Wood Green, Finchley and Palmers Green) have come together to form an advanced class which is being held at the Samaritan Hall, Palmers Green, on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. The course is Current Economic Theories, and it is being conducted by Mr. Ron. R. Blundell.

Wood Green. Mr. Arthur Burton conducts his second basic course this term at the Trinity Grammar School, Bounds Green Road. The classes are being held on Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Dundee. We are pleased to announce the progress of the new branch in Dundee which maintained high regular attendance throughout their first course. The class reached a successful conclusion at the end of March under the guidance of Mr. J. L. Geddes. On March 30, Mr. R. J. Rennie, of the Glasgow Henry George School, travelled to Dundee to address the students at their end-of-term social evening. His subject was "Some Thoughts on Certain Fundamental Principles of Political Economy." There was a full attendance of 17. Although the next session of classes will not be held until September, many students have stated their intention of enrolling for the further course. Meanwhile contact will be maintained with them through the headquarters of the School who will, from time to time, supply them with literature. This is a good start for Dundee, and Mr. Geddes (tutor) and Mr. David MacMurchie (organiser) are to be congratulated on their hard work and enterprise in this new venture.

LAND-VALUE TAXATION LEAGUE

A continual and sustained "Letters to the Editor" campaign inaugurated by the Secretary, is having most fruitful results. Reports from various parts of the country come in daily, telling of the success achieved in local newspapers by the publication of letters on land-value taxation and free trade.