

INTERNATIONAL NOTES AND NEWS

Spain

A welcome visitor to the offices of LAND & LIBERTY has been Mr. B. Pauli, of New Zealand who during his stay in Europe has made a special visit to Spain to gain the acquaintance of colleagues there in the Henry George Movement. In Barcelona he was received with unbounded hospitality and has returned with enthusiastic admiration of the efforts our friends are making there for the advancement of the cause.



MR. B. PAULI (THIRD FROM RIGHT) WITH A GROUP OF ADHERENTS IN BARCELONA—SR. PALUZIE-BORRELL IS ON MR. PAULI'S RIGHT

The latest development is the formation of a study class under the auspices of the Henry George School of Social Science, a branch of which is now established, authorised by the School in Great Britain, with Sr. Paluzie-Borrell as the appointed Director. For the students and tutors, a complete set of the Questions and Answer Sheets with general guide to the study has been prepared, all made up in a neat folder of pocket-size. The text book is *Progress and Poverty*; and, of course, the whole material is published in the Spanish language. In the folder for the students is a booklet of 32 pages containing an outline of Political Economy and advertising all the works of Henry George.

The economic class is held every Thursday evening at the Handweavers' Co-operative, and 27 students have enrolled, of whom 8 are in regular attendance and 19 are taking the course by correspondence. Mr. Pauli (who extended his stay in Barcelona from four to twelve days, pressed thereto by the hospitable friends) was able to attend one of those classes. The subject was the "Law of Rent"; the pupils are all young men; and it was an inspiring experience to watch the vigorous discussion at the end of the lesson with all the class joining in.

Only one thing marred the visit—that Mr. Anglada could not be out and about joining the company. He was confined to his bed making a slow recovery from an eye complaint that necessitated masking both eyes. Mr. Pauli called on him at his home several times, and together they had the benefit of much talk. Earnest hopes are expressed for Mr. Anglada's speedy and complete restoration.

In the Madrid weekly economic journal *Nueva Economic Nacional*, of January 22, Sr. Emilio Lemos Ortega has a long and instructive article entitled "With regard to the Social Question" in which he takes up and replies to some typical objections to or criticisms of Land Value Taxation. We could wish to see a reprint of this pamphlet form. In the same journal, of date March 19, Sr. Lemos Ortega reviews the activities and the writings of many who have taken the lead in the Spanish free trade movement. It is a scholarly historical sketch going back to the 18th century, and among the moderns who have held their ground we note the names more familiar to us—Antonio Albendin, who organised, in 1913, the first International Conference on Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, Francisco Alvarez Urbano, Junio Senador Gomez, and Baldomero Argente, the translator of all George's works into Spanish.

One of the members of the Georgeist group in Barcelona is devoted also to the work of the Society for the Protection of Animals and Plants. In the Barcelona bulletin of that Society he cleverly managed to instil some acquaintance with Georgeist philosophy with apt quotation of a number of paragraphs from *The Science of Political Economy* (Book I, Chap. 5), where George in treating of "The Origin and Genesis of Civilisation" introduces thoughts that will appeal to every lover of animals. An invitation, surely, to learn more! We judge it was the same vigilant friend who in the *Flowers and Birds*, Seville journal of the same society, had a front-page open letter to General Franco on the occasion of his visit to Seville, astutely pointing out that defence of humans was equally important with defence of animals—and there followed a straightforward statement in favour of Land Value Taxation and Free Trade. It was done so genially that no one could charge the writer with irrelevant use of "King Charles's Head," or whatever is the corresponding quip at Georgeists in Spain.

Brazil

The Demophilocratic Institute for Universal Peace, with headquarters in Sao Paulo, Brazil, and branches in New York, Paris and Rome, sent by cable an inspiring message of greetings and support to the Conference of the International Union in Denmark last year. The Institute, over which Dr. Fernando Nobre presides, publishes a review and circulates it in a number of countries. Since then, there have been friendly exchanges of correspondence and literature between the Union and the Institute, and we have been particularly pleased to have copies of the Review which the Institute circulates in a number of countries. It is edited by the eminent Dr. Fernando Nobre. He writes from Sao Paulo under date March 4: "As you know we are Georgeists as sincere as we are devoted. In order to testify to this we propose to render you a service without any cost to you. We offer to insert in our Review your Declaration (of principle and policy) so that it is brought to the notice of our readers. If that is agreeable to you, please send the following quantities: 200 in English and, of the translations, 700 in Portuguese, 500 in French, 200 in Spanish, 300 in Italian and 100 in German." These