

his contention was that it is not fair that rent on buildings be collected. When one of the members present pointed out that Henry George did not propose to collect the rent on buildings, the Professor seemed nonplussed. Then he lapsed into a lengthy recitation on Socialism as the cure for our economic ills. The more than fifty members present must have learned more from the Professor's discussions than he had intended.

### CHICAGO, ILL.

#### REPORT OF JOHN LAWRENCE MONROE

Graduates of the School are going to work to make the Windy City "Henry George School conscious."

A Speakers Bureau is being formed under the leadership of Mrs. Edith Siebenmann and Mrs. Beatrice Ortis, to emulate the work of the Speakers Bureau in New York. A meeting of the prospective speakers of this Bureau was held July 23, at the School headquarters.

A motion picture is in process of preparation by a Committee of graduates headed by Leonard K. Nitz. The picture will be shown at clubs, employee meetings, etc., for the purpose of securing class enrollments.

Besides this valuable propaganda work, the graduates are contributing considerably toward the financial support of the Chicago School. Already they have contributed or pledged one-half of the amount needed to finance the School through the Fall term.

### Manhattan Single Tax Club

This coming Fall, President Ingersoll will be active in forming a national association as a subsidiary of the Club. The purpose is to expand the scope of activities so as to embrace a nation-wide educational program, without changing the revered forty-five year old title of the Manhattan Single Tax Club.

On August 1, Mr. Ingersoll spoke at the William Sloane House on "Democracy and Its Relation to Economics." There was active discussion after his lecture.

Following are excerpts from recent broadcasts:

FRANCE, POLAND, AND OTHER COUNTRIES THAT HAVE LATELY become exhausted before the onslaught of superior forces, have been trying the experiment of a nation existing three-fourths slave and one-fourth free. And when one contemplates what has happened, is it any wonder? Lincoln said slavery could not work out, even on a fifty-fifty basis. Our own taxes and exactions from monopoly take away a full one-half of our people's earnings, making them half slaves. If this is true in the "greatest democracy," parasitism must surely cost the European masses 75% of their earnings.

AT THIS CRUCIAL TIME DEMOCRATS SHOULD SEE THEIR DUTY clearly. Taxation was supposed to be a G. O. P. disease which the Democrats were elected to cure. They've muffed their play two terms. Now let them—or anybody else—go to it and kill both G. O. P. and Democratic taxation of the consumer. There are 15 billions of it, so the opportunity is unlimited. A reduction of even 25% would bring the blessings of the public.

### Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

#### REPORT OF V. G. PETERSON, SECRETARY

GEORGE AND SPENCER—It would not be amiss to describe "A Perplexed Philosopher" as Henry George's most neglected book, for while his other writings have enjoyed successively large printings, not since 1904 has an American cloth-bound edition of this famous work been published. This, however, is soon to be remedied. A new edition, similar in format to "Progress and Poverty," will be ready for distribution by the end of August.

It is through coincidence, rather than design, that at this same time a reprint of Herbert Spencer's "Man Versus The State," should be made available by a Western publisher. This book will be interesting to those who desire to examine for themselves the basis of the criticism levelled against the Spencerian philosophy in "A Perplexed Philosopher." The reprint consists of six essays, with a new and remarkably fine introduction by Albert Jay Nock. In opposing the growth of Stateism in Nineteenth Century England, Mr. Spencer predicts—and history corroborates—the loss of human rights as a result of the social forces that were then set in motion.

SCULPTOR AND POET—The early Georgeist Movement records no more colorful personality than Frank Stephens, sculptor and poet. "Some Songs," a collection of his verses, is now being offered by his son at one dollar a copy. The volume contains poetry on a variety of subjects and has some apt lines on the landlord, taxes and rent. Orders sent to the Foundation will be forwarded.

INDIVIDUALISM HOLDS ITS OWN—The revival of interest in the individualist philosophy has no better illustration than the tremendous response to Mr. Albert Jay Nock's article in the June *Atlantic Monthly*. Under the title, "In Defense of the Individual," Mr. Nock describes Max Hirsch's "Democracy versus Socialism" as "a complete case against every known form and shade of State collectivism from Marxism and Fascism down to the New Deal." Four hundred and fifty people have been impelled by Mr. Nock's recommendation to send in orders, and spurred by this show of enthusiasm, the Foundation is running a half-column advertisement of the book in the August *Atlantic*.

ON THE PROGRAM—The campaign to have Henry George elected to the Hall of Fame is still one of our major activities. Help has been recruited from many influential sources. One of America's best loved novelists, and one ambassador to a neighboring Republic both wrote in support of our candidate recently. The famous columnist and traveler, Bob Davis, also penned many letters to the electors.

Several fresh activities will be initiated this Fall. Among them is a campaign to bring the lawyers of the country under the Georgeist banner. Our ranks are already strengthened by many of the legal fraternity; and we hope, through our work this fall, to show more of them the only way to a true democracy.