

Signs of Progress

Georgeist Activities Throughout the World

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

REPORT OF V. G. PETERSON, SECRETARY

Our campaign to increase the study of Henry George's books in college classrooms rolls merrily along. You will rejoice to know that our Guide for Teaching the Principles of Political Economy, based on the text of "Progress and Poverty," by Henry George, continues to be effective as an opening wedge. Seven hundred and fifty professors have requested this guide; 250 of them have asked for desk copies of "Progress and Poverty," and 10 colleges have sent for lesson sheets. These colleges are:

University of Seattle, Wash.....	25	students
St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn, N. Y.....	50	"
St. Benedict's College, Atchison, Kans.....	5	"
Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.....	10	"
Skidmore College, Saratoga Springs, N. Y....	24	"
University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.....	50	"
Whitworth College, Brookhaven, Miss.....	45	"
St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn.....	20	"
Eureka College, Eureka, Ill.....	19	"
Bucknell University, Lewisburg, Pa.....	8	"

St. Olaf ordered 29 copies of "Progress and Poverty"; Eureka ordered 19, and Bucknell ordered 8. Other colleges state they have sufficient library copies for the class to use.

An interesting sidelight on this work is a letter we received from a professor on the Agriculture Campus of Cornell University, to whom books had been given by our friends who made the test trip to colleges in Upper New York State. The letter reads:

"The other day I told my seminar in taxation about the books you gave me. They seemed interested. The group—all graduate students—includes a brilliant Turk who is here on a government fellowship and is destined, if the Germans keep out of Turkey, to work in the office of the Prime Minister of Turkey, and three economics students who will hold teaching positions in colleges before long. In fact, they are now teaching elementary economics in Cornell. If you care to send me four copies of 'Progress and Poverty,' and four copies of the abridgement, I will give them to the seminar. I was very glad to have had the visit with Mr. Fairchild and Mr. Hansen."

The 1942 calendar, which is ready now, is the third one published by the Foundation. This year we are featuring quotations, not only from Henry George, as in the past, but from two other American patriots as well—Abraham Lincoln

and Thomas Jefferson. The pictures of the three men, in an attractive design of furled flags, ornament the calendar and recommend it for a conspicuous place in the best room in the house. The calendars are selling, as usual, and in spite of increased prices, at twenty-five cents each, five for one dollar. We have printed only a thousand and urge that orders be placed as soon as possible.

Henry George's books as Christmas presents have long been recognized as an effective way to introduce others to our philosophy. Each year the Foundation encourages its friends to join in this Yuletide effort by lowering the price of its literature to a point below the cost figure at which it is usually priced. The other books we carry, selected because they develop some particular phase of the George economy, are offered in combination with George titles at extremely attractive prices. These combinations of books make it possible for you to enlarge your own library and pass along to a friend the George book which you may already have. Please write for our Christmas circular—a postcard will bring it to you by return mail.

The year now closing has been an active one; in many ways it has been an extremely successful one. We thank those friends who have helped and encouraged our efforts. And now, as befits the Christmas Season, on behalf of our President, our Directors, the office staff and myself—Merry Christmas, Everybody!

American Alliance to Advance Freedom

REPORT OF SIDNEY J. ABELSON, CHAIRMAN

After functioning for more than six months from desk room provided by a member, the American Alliance has acquired permanent headquarters at 160 Fifth Avenue, New York. These new quarters provide office facilities, library space, a meeting place and a classroom.

Mrs. Celia Chancas is in charge of the library and research material and will welcome contributions of Georgeist books and pamphlets, as well as other literature on economics and sociology.

The program originally outlined for the Alliance will now go forward at an accelerated pace. Current Events Discussion Groups are being held regularly on Thursday evenings. These serve to clarify the events of the day in the light of Georgeist doctrines. Newcomers to these groups—particularly newly-made Georgeists—find the topical discussions