

Postscript

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A Scottish poet of the eighteenth century wrote, "Let me write the songs of a nation and I care not who makes its laws." I think there is much truth in that statement and we should remember that the opinions of individuals and nations are formed through songs, poetry, and art; through education rather than "the formation of parties or the making of revolutions."

Let us apply that principle to our work and remember that we can influence people by appealing to their innate love of liberty and justice to a far greater degree than we can by "noise and shouting, complaints and denunciations."

It has been our experience that each new group catches new inspiration in the School and is filled with fresh enthusiasm and original theories. Some assume, however, perhaps unconsciously, that until they arrived on the scene nothing constructive had been done; no one had ever sensed the importance of a widespread, spectacular campaign for the ideas of Henry George. As they go on, they find that others have devoted years of time, energy and thought, as well as a great deal of money, and each individual is only a small part of the whole picture. We must be patient and remember that there is a slow, evolutionary process of education behind all social reform.

It would be impossible to put into effect the ideas of all persons in a group as large as that which now comprises those interested in the philosophy of Henry George. We who are responsible for administration of the affairs of the

school are always happy to consider new and constructive proposals, even though we cannot always put them into effect.

The school, as set up by Oscar Geiger, seems to have succeeded fairly well thus far in making sound and steady progress. Its foundations are solid, its general policies are practical, and its prestige is growing every day. At the same time almost every one connected with the school can conceive an idea in fifteen minutes which would require at least fifteen years to carry out.

Let us remember that the ideals for which we are working are far greater than any of us individually. It is up to each one of us to contribute as much as possible in accordance with his own abilities, and to remember that others are conscientiously doing likewise. Our abilities may differ, but we have a common ground of working for a "City of God on Earth" when "they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid."