

Postscript

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At the close of this year I am glad to be able to tell you that we will have had the highest number of enrollments in the Correspondence School that has ever been recorded since the School opened. In the Extensions we will show an enrollment a little higher than last year, and in the New York School we will have had an increase of fifty or sixty percent over last year. Total enrollments for the year will be between seven and eight thousand. This is an increase of 1500 students over last year. We are happy and thankful that this has been accomplished even in a time of war. We look forward to even greater progress when the war is over.

This year we have circularized several thousand clergymen. The response has been most encouraging. We received this message from an Archdeacon: "Reflecting that upon the first Christmas the Son of Man had not where to lay His head, and that nineteen hundred years later the same is true of increasing countless millions of human beings, I determined to make my sermon for Christmas Day point out that 'there is room at the Father's table (The Earth) for all His Children' . . . The responsibility rests upon every individual to help make effective that condition through such intelligent and enthusiastic educative work as the school is doing."

Another clergyman, the Reverend W. Wylie Young, is doing magnificent work with classes in his church in Batavia as well as in Buffalo and Rochester, N. Y. He will write a series of personal letters to Presbyterian ministers throughout the U. S. A.

The United Church ministers of Canada have recently been circu-

larized with good result. Books are purchased by them through the Montreal Extension (to avoid customs difficulties) and the lessons are corrected in New York.

Congratulations to the Los Angeles School on their attractive little paper "Freedom". It is packed with news items, and published "every once in a while". Los Angeles, too, had a record enrollment for the fall term. One of these days they will make "Freedom" permanent.

Gilbert Tucker is giving a series of lectures in Albany, New York. An audience of 100 or more is directed each week to a thorough study of the works of Henry George. Mr. Tucker's new book, "Self Supporting Cities" will be published soon.

Major Geoffrey Esty, who is somewhere on the Western Front, writes that prices on the black market are fantastic; coffee—\$80 a pound, shoes—\$25 a pair, and a meal—\$25. "The beneficiaries of this black market are on a land buying spree—putting their money into land for post-war security."

Let us hope that early next year the men and women who are now in the services will be back with us to work more constructively for a better world society. Our thoughts go especially to them at this time, and we wish them to know that while they are fighting on distant fronts, we are working hard to keep the educational work steadily going forward.

To those who have made this year a successful one for the school, staff members, financial supporters, volunteers and teachers everywhere, we extend our warmest greetings and thanks. We look forward to the new year of 1945 with confidence.