

Postscript

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I am often asked how I can be so confident about the future of our work and our school. There are many reasons. First of all, we are dealing with a timeless, ageless truth:—'The Earth is the Lord's'; 'The Profit of the Earth is for all'; 'The World is God's bequest to mankind. All men are joint heirs to it.'

We are engaged in a program of enlightenment, and when the truths we champion are understood, the result will be 'A City of God on Earth'; 'The Golden Age of which poets have sung and high raised seers have told in metaphor', 'The reign of the Prince of Peace.'

If we can courageously keep our eyes far above the disappointing elements that sometimes delay our progress—if we can overlook the temporary obstacles which are deliberately or inadvertently placed in our way—we shall progress steadily and surely to our goal.

One of our teachers, Andrew Christianson, said to me four or five years ago: "Some people are pessimistic—they see a war coming; they fear the future—but I am more optimistic than ever. When the last war was over there was no Henry George School. There seemed to be no hope. When this war is over there will be thousands in this country who know that war can be avoided, that we must have a correct economic system. I am optimistic because we now have a Henry George School. It will be more and more effective in the future."

At the beginning of this war I was told that the school would close, that we couldn't get students, that we should concentrate

on our old students and give up the idea of reaching for new ones. Even now, some people tell us there is no hope.

I cannot subscribe to this idea. In spite of the war, with so many of our friends in the services, so many have been on air-raid duty, volunteer services, Red Cross and other war work, we have gone steadily forward. We have more teachers, more students, and more friends than ever before.

A visit to the Hartford school a few days ago confirmed my optimism. It convinced me once again that if this school can continue to inspire such fine unselfish individuals to cooperate with us and support our work we need not fear the future.

Our good friend, Mary Fels (Mrs. Joseph Fels), said to me: "The school is the most important thing that has ever happened in the movement. It is building solidly. It is putting its roots down firmly. It must continue to grow surely and steadily and everywhere, like the grass."

I want to ask that you continue to influence everyone you possibly can to take the courses. Send this little paper to your friends. It is helping to interest many new students. If possible, start a class yourself, or have your friends take the correspondence course. Influence at least one person every day.

Our policy is to go steadily forward, to do better work, to reach more students, to improve our courses, to train more teachers, to arouse more interest in the philosophy of Henry George. This is the course we have pursued, are pursuing and intend to pursue. It will continue to bring good results.