



Recent and Current Activities of the HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

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*New readers are cordially invited to send now for prospectus, etc.
They will be informed when and where new term classes will open.*

HEADQUARTERS. About 50 students from the previous term of Basic Courses held at Westminster are now attending a course on "Current Economic Theories" at our new premises in Vauxhall Bridge Road. The classes are being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the tutors are Mr. A. L. Roberts and Mr. V. G. Saldji. An innovation possible now that we have more convenient and congenial premises is the prompt closing of classes at 9 p.m. and informal discussion until 9.30 p.m. over a cup of tea. This has greatly facilitated the personal contacts between tutors and students and among students themselves, so necessary in establishing a permanent body of supporters.

On March 12 at 4 Great Smith Street, Mr. L. Trevor Donaldson of the "Society for Individual Freedom" addressed students on "*Individual Freedom—what it means.*" Political, social, religious and economic aspects were covered and a strong measure of agreement between audience and speaker was soon evident. Mr. Donaldson, when challenged, admitted to being a Free Trader, but confessed he had little knowledge of the ideas of Henry George. His deficiency in this regard was soon remedied, and in summing up he suggested that perhaps he had learned more from the meeting than his audience.

A most informative lecture on "*The Valuation of Land, Houses and Buildings*" was given by Mr. R. E. Lake, A.R.V.A. on April 9 at Church House. Mr. Lake dealt with capital and annual value, valuation, valuation for rating, compulsory acquisition, etc. The lecture provided an insight into the methods and attitudes of valuers and reinforced many of the economic arguments taught in the School's courses. Although hesitant to give unqualified approval to the site-value rating system, the speaker admitted that it could not possibly be worse than the present system, which was riddled with anomalies and frustrating to administer. The speaker, too, admitted his unfamiliarity with Land-Value Taxation—he had "not studied it closely."

CARDIFF. Mr. F. R. Giggs, organiser of courses in this area, is conducting the new Basic Course jointly with Mr. E. Buck. Students of previous courses are attending it also—as a refresher course. This new branch is building a nucleus of supporters who are taking an interest in the School's development. Classes are being held at the Bowchier Hall, Newport Road, on Thursdays.

DUNDEE. A class on International Trade for advanced students began on Friday, April 11, at Green's Playhouse. Mr. J. L. Geddes is the tutor. Mr. D. McMurchie, the School's organiser in Dundee, reports a successful meeting of ex-students (now formed into a group under the title of "The Georgeists"). The following officers were elected: *Chairman:* Mr. John B. Stuart; *Secretary:* Mr. S. Middleton; *Treasurer:* Mr. David McMurchie. Mr. Stuart has been working on a new scheme for correspondence courses which it is hoped will be incorporated into the School's work in Dundee.

ILFORD. A new Basic Course is being conducted at Gants Hill Library under the direction of Mr. J. Bennett. The class meets on Thursdays.

ISLE OF WIGHT. Following on the first Basic Course held recently, Mr. Keith Picton Evans, organiser and tutor, has arranged monthly discussion meetings among ex-students pending the opening of new classes in the Autumn. The subject for the first of these current economic problem discussions was "The Budget."

WELLING. A course on Current Economic Theories conducted by Messrs M. Monk and R. H. Jones is now in session at Welling Library. Students from previous courses held at Welling, Sidcup and Eltham are attending.

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Recent meetings addressed by lecturers of the School include the following :

Orpington Humanist Association ...	V. G. Saldji
Bexley Heath Labour Party ...	M. Monk
Erith Liberal Association ...	D. Mills
Malvern Liberal Association ...	K. Baynes
Folkestone Liberal Association ...	V. G. Saldji
Socialist Party of Great Britain ...	V. G. Saldji

Enquiries and general correspondence received at Headquarters from students in the various centres of activity indicate the interest and enthusiasm engendered by the School's tutors in their classes.

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A fund of over £5,000 for the expansion of the School's activities, has been made available by Mrs. Daisy Crompton from the estate of her son, the late Hugh Crompton, as a tribute to the progress made by the Henry George School over the last few years. Mrs. Crompton is a long-standing member of the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values.

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