

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

At 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, on April 13th and 16th, the Spring Session of economic classes opened with 32 enrolments. The Courses last for ten weeks and are as follows: (1) Fundamental Economics and Social Philosophy (Tuesdays and Fridays); (2) International Trade and Social Problems (Tuesdays); (3) The Science of Political Economy (Fridays). Tutors for the Session are: Messrs. V. H. Blundell, Ron. R. Blundell, R. Turner, Mrs. M. Whitehouse and Mrs. J. O'Leary. As an additional means of obtaining students for the classes, a lecture, with film strip, entitled "Millions of Jobs—An introduction to Economics," was given by Mr. V. H. Blundell on April 8th. At the close of the lecture particulars of the study classes were given out and some enrolments were made.

The Winter Session of the School closed on March 23rd, when students of the various classes which had been taking the Basic Course, met for a general discussion. Many expressed their appreciation of the Course and announced their intention of taking the second Course in the Spring Session. Students were invited to become members of the London Georgeists' Discussion Club.

Manchester

*Students of the Manchester School were addressed by Mr. V. H. Blundell on April 1st at Houldsworth Hall, Manchester, at the final meeting of the Winter Session, at which 20 students had enrolled and 15 had completed the course. At the conclusion of the meeting it was decided to hold fortnightly discussions, and Miss Grace Levy was elected to organise them. In the Autumn, new classes would start and present students were invited to take the course on International Trade and Social Problems, which would start then, together with new Basic Course classes. To be fully equipped for the Autumn Session, the organisers of the School have decided to hold a Tutors' Course during the intervening months, and present students were invited to join.

LONDON GEORGEISTS' DISCUSSION CLUB

The opening meeting of the Club, held on February 11th at Hope House, Westminster, was an unqualified success. About thirty members were present and after an introduction by the Chairman (Mr. W. E. Fox) the meeting was addressed by the Club's President, Mr. Wilfrid Harrison. The main subject of the evening was a talk by Mr. A. W. Madsen on "Henry George, Economist, Philosopher and Statesman." Following an interval for refreshments, came a Brains Trust formed by members of the Club, and questions on the economics and philosophy of Henry George were ably dealt with by the "brains."

The second meeting, in March, was equally successful. Mr. J. F. Eggleston, A.B.I., gave a highly interesting lecture on "Money." In his concluding remarks he made a plea for the freeing of the pound sterling from Exchange Control, "—not on political grounds, but on the grounds of sheer common sense." The speaker was congratulated on his exposition of a difficult subject, and for more than an hour was kept busy answering questions.

During the fair weather in February and March, open-air meetings were held in Hyde Park with the object of interesting the public in the study classes of the Henry George School of Social Science. Weather permitting, further meetings of the nature will take place throughout the summer, when demonstration classes will be held on the green near Hyde Park Corner.

On Friday, May 14th, at the Kingsway Hall, Farringdon Street, a Brains Trust will be held under the joint auspices of the Club and the South London Branch of the International Friendship League. The subject will be: "International and Social Problems." Three members from each organisation will form the Brains Trust, with Mr. V. H. Blundell as Question Master. The meeting will be at 7 p.m.

A Lecture on the importance of the study of economics was

given by Mr. V. H. Blundell recently to a group of young people in Bexleyheath. The film strip, "Millions of Jobs," was shown and enthusiastically received. Prospectuses of the Henry George School were distributed after the meeting.

WILLIAM REID

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of William Reid, which took place on April 10th, after he had been lying ill for a number of months. He had reached his 78th year, his whole life bound up with the Henry George movement, to which he rendered faithful and abiding service. The movement loses in him the last of those pioneers who founded this Journal in June, 1894, the associate of John Paul, James Busby, Thomas Cameron, the McLennan brothers, the Cassels family, and others to whom their followers are everlastingly indebted. He was one of the founders also of the Scottish League, taking a notable share in its work, and he was its acting Secretary at the time of his death. During the years in between he was for a time in Cardiff, Newcastle and Leeds helping to organise the centres there. They were fortunate who had companionship with him, appreciating his broad philosophy, glad of his guidance and helped by his acute judgment of men and affairs. In politics an ardent Liberal and prominent member of the Scottish Liberal Party, he stood for Parliament at the Dumbartonshire by-election in 1926, and he was a candidate for the Kelvingrove Division of Glasgow at the 1929 General Election, but on each occasion without success.

On behalf of all his colleagues and co-workers in the Scottish League, and in the United Committee, we pay tribute to his memory. He is survived by his daughter, Miss May Reid, and to her we extend sincere sympathy in her sorrow and bereavement.

A. W. M.

I join with other friends in paying a tribute of respect to the memory of Willie Reid, who, in 1912-14 served for two years as Secretary of the Welsh League. During that period he conducted a vigorous campaign not only in Cardiff but throughout South Wales, and we missed him sorely when other duties called him back to Glasgow. He was an experienced organiser, a sound debater and controversialist, strong in sustained and close argument, in which he excelled, and devoted as he was to the Henry George movement, he gave freely of his knowledge and competence to those of us engaged in the propaganda work at that time. I accompanied him to many of his meetings and derived great benefit from the frequent hearing of his sound and talented exposition of the Henry George case. The success of the Cardiff Conference was due largely to his sagacious judgment, wide experience and rare humour. To him I am indebted for my first introduction to the United Committee. The warm friendship between us in the Cardiff days was maintained throughout the years chiefly by correspondence and occasionally by personal contact, as at the Oxford, Edinburgh and London international conferences and the Matlock Bath conference in 1938. We sorrow over the loss of an old and valued friend and extend to May Reid and all close relatives our deep sympathy in their bereavement. We are grateful to Bailie A. B. Mackay for having represented the Welsh League at the funeral.

EUSTACE A. DAVIES.

JOSEPH DAVISON

Joseph Davison, of Bellaghy, N. Ireland, who died on February 6th was for many years a member of the United Committee and a constant supporter. He was much advanced in age, and it is long since he paid a visit to England. He was one of the veterans and to him the movement is indebted for that great address by Henry George, entitled *The Land for the People*, since it was he who, in association with the late Richard McGhee, M.P., organised the meeting in Toomebridge, July 11th, 1889, where that address was spoken. Joe Davison is survived by his nephew and niece, Joseph and Nellie McCann, and to them we extend our cordial sympathies.

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