

Hail the Son of Gunnison

The St. Louis extension of the Henry George School of Social Science held its fall term graduation exercises, on December 5, at the North Side Young Men's Christian Association. Phillips Brown, instructor in the Department of Economics, University of Missouri, and son of Dr. Harry Gunnison Brown, addressed the graduates. His subject was "An Economist Looks at American Economic Problems." In his presentation Mr. Brown concentrated on the advantages of the land value tax and discussed and evaluated current objections of economists to its use. He touched briefly on problems of money, tariffs and monopoly as well.

Class speakers were John Edie, of the University City class, Geraldine Collum, Y. M. H. A. class, Harry H. Ellerbrock, R. C. Can Company class, and Orville L. Richardson, Ritenour High School class of Overland. C. C. Case welcomed the new graduates into the Henry George movement and Mrs. Margaret Grindy spoke for the Henry George Woman's Club, inviting the women graduates to join their group. William C. Howard, chairman, told the new graduates about the Public Revenue Education Council. Certificates were presented to 55 graduates by Noah D. Alper, director.

The Henry George Woman's Club presented the school with a Christmas check for \$100. to be used in the purchase of a new typewriter. New and old graduates and other friends, male and female, enjoyed the club's Christmas party at International Institute, climaxing two years of steady development and increasing interest.

Noah D. Alper, president, Public Revenue Education Council, recently appeared before the Mayor's Advisory Finance Committee of St. Louis and proposed a form of revenue designed to get around a constitutional provision calling for like rates on land and improvements; he suggested that an excise tax be levied on the privilege of holding title to land in a vacant or under-developed state that is serviced in any way by the city so as to equalize payments of those who improve their property well.