

## Milwaukee, Wis.

The Milwaukee Journal on Sunday, October 17th, reprinted a feature article entitled "Henry George Disciples Still Boosting His Ideas," telling the story of the Henry George School of Social Science with a picture of its Director, Miss M. E. Bateman.

The article stated that the school claims 30,000 students who have taken at least one course, although it was established only 11 years ago by the late Oscar H. Geiger, who held the first classes in his home.

The Journal said that "no one pays to attend the Henry George School, or any of its extensions. As evidence of the wide appeal of George's teaching Miss Bateman points proudly to the school records showing the 97 trades, professions and occupations which are represented among the students in New York alone.

The article continues, saying that there are no paid teachers. In fact, many teachers not only conduct classes for nothing but also contribute money to extend the school. The teachers are graduates of the school. They pursue their livelihood during the day, teaching at night as a hobby. The Journal quotes Miss Bateman, "We depend upon contributions from interested persons to keep us going. A Milwaukee soldier who took our correspondence course gratefully sent us one of his monthly pay checks. A merchant marine who had read some of our books gave us \$100. Many of the students contribute although this absolutely is not required of them."

The interviewer states that Miss Bateman is convinced that universal understanding of fundamental economics would eliminate all wars, because, wars result from economic conditions. She stated

that "the people who own the earth owe something to those who don't, and should pay for it," she continued, "that of all the countries in the world, the one that follows most closely the theories of George is Denmark. In Denmark," she said, "they levy on the land a 'ground debt.'" To this she attributed most of the credit for the low unemployment she found in Denmark during the last depression.

The interviewer asked how 'land' alone could produce the revenue needed by a country during an emergency such as the present war and Miss Bateman answered that, if the world understood fundamental economics, there would be no wars. Men would have enough without fighting.