

International Headquarters Opening

The Henry George School of Social Science celebrated the opening of its new international headquarters at 50 East 69th Street, New York City, on Thursday and Friday, September 28th and 29th, 1944.

Refreshments were served, and guests were welcomed by members of the faculty and staff, and shown through the beautiful seven-story building directly off Park Avenue.

The auditorium was filled to overflowing to hear Miss Margaret Bateman, Director of the school, who introduced the featured speakers for the evening, Mrs. Anna George de Mille, daughter of Henry George, and the Reverend W. Wylie Young, Minister of the First Presbyterian Church at Batavia, New York.

Miss Bateman first related a brief history of the Henry George School, tracing its beginning from one room, to the home of Oscar Geiger, the founder of the School, where classes were held at 79th Street.

From this early beginning, the School grew until it was obliged to move to larger quarters at 30 East 29th Street, when again it proved advantageous to move. Number nine still proves to be the lucky number, and the school is now at 69th Street. Although the school moved only three months ago, many changes have

been made to fit the building to its new use. A great deal of the work, Miss Bateman said, has been accomplished by the unselfish and enthusiastic efforts of the faculty, graduates, and students, who have gladly contributed their time toward making the new headquarters comfortable and ready for use. The School, Miss Bateman said, is now International Headquarters for Georgists from all over the world, and looks forward to the day when classes will be held in every country.

The next speaker was Anna George de Mille, who praised the late Mr. Geiger in glowing terms

for his untiring efforts in founding the original School. She mentioned especially Miss Helen Denbigh who was a member of Mr. Geiger's original class, and who has been one of the School's staunchest supporters. Anna George expressed her happiness at the great impetus the Georgist movement was beginning to experience as exemplified by the new building.

The new building and all those associated with the School, she continued, are dedicated to the continued advancement of the educational program.

The Reverend W. Wylie Young was then introduced, and in an inspired and forceful speech told how he first learned of Henry George and how this knowledge changed his whole outlook on life. He said he had studied the theory of capitalism with economics teachers at the best colleges in the East, and had acquainted himself with the other extreme trend of thought, which is communism, and that both theories impressed him with their inadequacy. Only by chance did he discover the solid ground based on true justice, when a friend asked him to read Henry George's book, PROGRESS AND POVERTY.

Mr. Young said that people are turning from the church because they are not getting the right answers to the problems that are plaguing the world. Schools, col-

leges, and churches do not teach the true answers, simply because they do not know the truth themselves. He urged all ministers to attend courses at the Henry George School in order to fit themselves to answer the questions that are troubling people all over the world. Mr. Young also said that by the light of George's philosophy he is now able to interpret the Bible more clearly and to give God's word its true meaning. He concluded by saying that it gave him great joy to see so many young people studying George's fundamental economics, for they are on the right path to truth and justice.