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Joseph S. Thompson Becomes President of Henry George School

Joseph S. Thompson of San Francisco, fourth in line among honored presidents of the Henry George School, received an enthusiastic ovation when his election was announced at the annual banquet in New York May 25th by Lancaster M. Greene, secretary of the board.

Mr. Thompson was influential in getting the San Francisco extension of the school started in 1949 and has remained its only president. He is also active in the Los Angeles extension. By a unanimous vote he became the third American president of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade in Hanover, Germany last August. He succeeds, as president of the school in New York, the late John Cromwell Lincoln. Earlier presidents were Frederick C. Leubuscher and Anna George de

Mille, who was Agnes de Mille's mother, and a daughter of Henry George.

The new president is honorary chairman of the board of the Federal Pacific Electric Company in San Francisco, the city where he was born. His introduction to Henry George dates back to 1912 when he heard Joseph Fels speak at Oakland. All Mr. Fels said was, "read *Progress and Poverty*." A prominent member of the Commonwealth Club, he is much beloved for his amusing stories told in dialect.

Mr. Thompson is the author of "Earned and Unearned Income," "More Progress and Less Poverty," and "Landlordism." He has recently completed a manuscript provocatively entitled, "Render Unto Caesar." Mrs. Thompson (pictured above) is a native of France and is currently translating *A Capitalist Manifesto* into French.