

of New York City and expect it to be delivered the next day.

Investigations are under way, management consultants are having a field day, so eventually some kind of order will arrive which may prevent our present mediocre mail service from getting worse. However that is no permanent solution. The only real one is for the government to dispose of the postal service to private enterprise. In a transition period of five to ten years the post office could be sold to competing companies and the money could be used to institute a program of retirement and dismissal of the present employees so as to cause as little harm as possible to the workers. Once the

mail service is operated by private businesses it will follow the same uniformly high pattern which exists in any field of competitive enterprise.

As Henry George pointed out, monopolies like the postal service are "trivial in extent as compared with the monopoly of land." But there is no reason why we have to put up with such man-made monopolies when it is so simple to correct them. And who knows, as people become increasingly exercised over our miserable postal service, and when its monopolistic features are repeatedly pointed out, possibly the way will be cleared for a discussion of the really all-important monopoly—the land monopoly.



Call it religion, patriotism, sympathy, the enthusiasm for humanity or the love of God — give it what name you will; there is yet a force which overcomes and drives out selfishness; a force which is the electricity of the moral universe; a force besides which all others are weak . . . and this force of forces — that now goes to waste or assumes perverted forms — we may use for the strengthening and building up and ennobling of society, if we but will, just as we now use physical forces that once seemed but powers of destruction. All we have to do is but give it freedom and scope.

— Henry George

Recalling the visit of Kul Bhushan Sharma from Nairobi, is *The New Era* (Magazine for Young Kenyans) reflecting his enthusiasm for Henry George's economic principles. An unsigned series on the Science of Wealth began with a definition of labor, land and capital. In clear language, with graphic illustrations, pupils were then given an explanation of money and the science of wealth.

From Australia comes a booklet, "Our Rating System—A Case for Rating Land Values and Exempting Improvements for the City of Perth." It was published by the Henry George League of Western Australia.

This is a highly condensed report that could perhaps only have been produced by Georgists. Long patient research is evident in the wide screen here presented. The League announced that it had no special interest to serve excepting as they share in believing that "what is good for the hive is also good for the bee."

There are 68 pages of results based on tabulations showing the effects of land value taxation, and since Australia has been a pioneer in this method the report should be of value to all students. The League modestly refrained from claiming that the application of U.L.V. (unimproved land value) rating would solve all the problems related to local government finance. "It is claimed however that without recourse to this system, arbitrary decisions, with consequent loss of civic rights, will often be unavoidable, and the preservation of equality and justice between ratepayers impossible."