

saints, Karl Marx and Henry George, would like nothing better than a chance to sit down and talk over the ills of their fellows.

Recent Activities of the Schalkenbach Foundation

THE activities of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation for the last few months have centered in the publication of the out-of-print books of Henry George, the promotion of a new book by Louis F. Post, the advertising of Henry George and his books in weeklies and newspapers, and the wide distribution of the pamphlet "Causes of Business Depression."

Finding the "Social Problems," "The Land Question, Etc." and "The Life of Henry George" by H. George, Jr., were the books most in demand at the present time, it was arranged with Doubleday, Doran & Company for a reprint edition of one thousand copies of each title. The edition, paid for by the Foundation, is now ready for distribution at the Foundation offices, 11 Park Place, New York. With attractive jackets, and uniform blue binding, these books should be especially interesting to both old friends of the movement, and those who, new to the teachings of Henry George, seek acquaintances with his ideas and philosophy.

It should be noted that the book "Land Question, Etc." contains besides the title work, the brilliant passage-at-arms between the Duke of Argyll and Henry George, entitled "Property in Land," and the letter of Henry George to Pope Leo XIII, entitled "Condition of Labor," wherein Henry George set out in masterly fashion the arguments previously developed in "Progress and Poverty."

The "Prophet of San Francisco," by Louis F. Post, published by Vanguard Press, has been marketed by the Foundation at a price somewhat less than that of the publisher, in accordance with a special arrangement between the publisher, the Foundation and Mrs. Post. Proceeds of purchases obtained by the Foundation through its direct-mail advertising of this book are returned to Mrs. Post. Some 2,500 professors and libraries were circularized, with the result that many libraries and schools purchased copies for their reference shelves. Some books remain unsold and those who have not had opportunity heretofore to purchase copies, may still obtain them by writing to the Foundation.

That timely essay, "Causes of Business Depression," first written by Henry George in 1894, and reprinted from time to time, was printed once again by this Foundation in August, 1930, and we are happy to announce that 61,000 copies have gone out into all sections of the country during the last few months. Indeed, friends in far off Australia have sent for copies; Congress has received a copy each; libraries, schools, colleges have used them, and we cannot tell in how many other advantageous places friends

of our cause have placed the words of Henry George.

It has long been the thought of members of the Foundation that persistent advertising, first in a small way and perhaps later, when funds are available, in larger ways and mediums, is the best means of obtaining the interest of new people in the philosophy of Henry George. To this end a small but persistent campaign has been kept up in the weeklies and liberal magazines, the reviews and certain more or less friendly newspapers. One advertisement tells about the pamphlet "Causes of Business Depression," and invites inquiries for the pamphlet. As a result some nine hundred persons have written into the Foundation for the essay by Henry George, and many of them have become seriously interested in George and his books. In another advertisement, we ask people to write in for information about Henry George and our booklist. This too bears fruit, as evidenced by the number of people who follow up the subject by asking for more material or for some of the Henry George books.

This kind of work is silent, steady and rather un spectacular, but we feel that the contacts that are being made, the horizons that are widening, are encouragement enough for us to go on in this endeavor to build up a group of newly interested and earnest students of Henry George.

—ANTOINETTE KAUFMANN.

Death Of George H. Sinton

GEORGE H. SINTON passed away September 15, 1930, at his home in Pasadena, California. He was born in Gowanda, N. Y., 1858 and went to Pasadena in 1917. Like his father, Jesse Sinton, he took up the cause when first advocated by Henry George.

George H. Sinton was what might be called a progressive conservative in his politico-economic views. Years of experience in the exacting retail milk business, both in developing the internal structure of the business and its relations to the public he served, had taught him that people are slow to change their views, because the pressure of present events must inevitably absorb the larger part of their intellectual capacity, and it is only what is left that can be devoted to the larger problems of governmental policies. Consequently he was firmly of the opinion that proposals to be placed before the public for its approval should be mild enough to avoid stirring up violent passions and unfounded fears of the unknown. During the struggle for the adoption of municipal Single Tax in Colorado Springs in 1912, he was opposed to the adoption of land value taxation for the city in but two steps to be completed in two years. Nevertheless, he acquiesced in the views of the majority, and supported the campaign to the best of his ability and purse, notwithstanding the fact that his business suffered the loss of many good customers among whom feeling ran high against what they considered our confiscatory proposition. The result is history. Wealthy people and others land-poor from over-speculation in lands