

The Henry George School in England does not, according to Dr. Pearson, have the strong unity of purpose as in the United States, and there have been two schools of thought, causing a division of activities, which he regards as unfortunate. During a question and answer period, following the talk, Dr. Pearson indicated his appraisal of Mr. Chamberlain, Lloyd George, and other British statesmen, explaining that the background of Mr. Chamberlain, a family always engaged in the manufacture of armaments, has a good deal to account for his attitudes, and that Lloyd George, always an opportunist, was willing to ally his name with that of Henry George when it suited his purpose to do so.

Dr. Pearson, a physician, is an author of papers and books, dealing with disease and slums. His works include papers on "Tuberculosis and Land Values" and "Malaria and Slums." In 1935 he published a book "Growth and Distribution of Population," which was well received in England, and was brought out in this country by John Wiley & Co. Irrespective of topic or title, the doctor ever faithfully includes the Simon-pure doctrine of Henry George as the one and only cure for the cause and persistence of slums.

At the time of its publication it was reviewed in *LAND AND FREEDOM* by Jos. Dana Miller, who at that time pointed out that this book was among the rare ones which the late Cardinal Hayes of New York City commented on most favorably, and recommended its reading.

His newest book, entitled "London's Overgrowth," is momentarily expected to be marketed by C. W. Daniel, the London publishers. This book, with a title perhaps more suitable to the American public, will shortly be brought out as an American Edition by John Wiley & Co., and will have for its title, "Swollen Cities." We will anxiously await its appearance for review.

We are obliged to chronicle the passing of George Hughes, late of Topeka, Kansas, on February 27, 1939, at 1324 Medford Ave., that City. Mrs. Hughes, two sons and a daughter survive him.

Mr. Hughes, son of a famous English author, came to America as a young man, and learned to love America and its ways. He liked to refer to himself as having been born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but loving his fellow men far more than the traditions of the station to which he was born. No greater proof of such an observation was needed than the routine of his every-day deeds.

First and foremost, of course, George Hughes was interested in the philosophy of Henry George. But along with this love, Mr. Hughes loved any movement which had for its objective the uplift of the down trodden and under-privileged.

Old-timers will recall how George Hughes, scholar and gentleman that he was, devoted many evenings to attendance at the meetings of the Topeka Federation of Labor and its predecessor, the Industrial Council. He would sit patiently through a long session of routine business, apparently as interested as the members directly involved. And then, when called upon under the order of "good and welfare," as he invariably was, he found only good things to say about organized labor, at the same time getting in a few rapier thrusts designed to make the leaders squirm. The philosophy of George was always injected.

Topeka will miss George Hughes. No kindlier gentleman ever lived.

We are indeed grieved to learn of the passing of our very good friend, Edward B. Swinney, on February 23, 1939, at his residence, 238 So. Lorraine Boulevard, Los Angeles, Calif. He is survived by his wife, Mabel V., a daughter, Mrs. Virginia Johnson, and three sons, Howard V., Edward B., and Robert F. Swinney.

Mr. Swinney, until several years ago, was associated in the City of New York with John R. Waters in the Reciprocal Underwriters of N. Y. He was in the insurance business the greater part of his business career and upon his retirement went to California to make his home.

Though sixty-nine years of age at the time of his passing, he devoted a great deal of energy during his retirement from active

business to the cause of the Single Tax. He was recognized as a pamphleteer of importance. He was a staunch and devoted friend of *LAND AND FREEDOM*.

WE have just learned of the death of Edwin J. Jones, though it took place as far back as May 12, 1938. Mr. Jones, a resident of Westfield, N. J., was an ardent worker for the Cause and a valued correspondent. Among others, he wrote an article appearing some years ago in *LAND AND FREEDOM* wherein he traced this nation's history with respect to several Federal laws for the raising of revenue by land value taxation alone.

WHEN it comes to speeches and letter writing in furtherance of the movement, Harry Weinberger, well known Georgeist and New York attorney, is a veritable human dynamo. We have before us several copies of letters he has sent to such leaders of thought as President and Mrs. Roosevelt, Town Hall of the Air Broadcasting Company, and the editors of various publications. Of course, his Georgeist arguments are unanswerable. We take this opportunity to record our esteem for his unflinching devotion and enterprise.

UNDER date of February 12, 1939, Mr. Vernon J. Rose advises us of the great loss sustained by the Kansas City, Mo., Georgeists in the sudden death of A. E. Swearingen. "He had been for thirty-five years one of the most understanding, tireless, and winning advocates of the Georgeist philosophy we ever had among us. He was a man of great activity and amazingly wide interests. He was active in his church; a leader in Boy Scout work, active in the Humane Society and in the American Legion. He lost a son in the Great War, and Hewitt Swearingen Post here was named for him. He died suddenly of a heart attack while attending a social function of the Post. He was sixty-eight years of age." Mr. Rose further adds that: "He was one of the original sponsors of the Henry George School here, and a generous contributor to its support. We chose him as president of the Sponsors and called him the 'Dean,' and he took great interest in our cause."

WE are advised that Representative J. J. Daily has introduced in the Missouri legislature a joint and concurrent resolution to submit a Constitutional Amendment to the people providing for separate classification and assessment of real property—land and improvements; also providing that the assessment of improvements shall be decreased twenty per cent each year for five years, and the assessment of land values be correspondingly increased, frankly stating the purpose to be to exempt improvements entirely in five years after adoption.

FRED PEASE of Milk River, Alberta, Canada, has sent us in mimeograph form an interesting chart to illustrate his conception of the operation of the natural laws of distribution of wealth. He states that with its use he has had encouraging success with the average Henry George student. He adds, however, that to many Georgeists it does not appear to correctly portray the subject.

CHARLES LISCHER of St. Louis, Mo., one of our pioneer Single Taxers, is dead. Like the falling leaves our old faithful workers are leaving their life task in the cause to meet the muster roll that Henry George said "would be called some where—some time."

"He saw a purpose in all things. An order in the universe. He had faith and he worked for the fundamental laws that govern men's welfare. He possessed a free mind without the shackles that keep so many in the dark. While he did not live to see the glory of a world governed by the natural law, he did enjoy the glory of striving for its attainment."

The above tribute was written by an old subscriber, E. H. Boeck.—Editor.