

morals. What may be the effect on the character and soul of this beneficiary of such a life of idleness is another question and outside the field of economics. This is a discussion of economics.

As for the Scriptural injunction that they who will not work shall not eat, one would have to be a Greek scholar to determine whether the word "work" in that case is justifiably limited to physical or mental labor, or whether it covers any contribution to the work of the world such as this beneficiary makes in putting his capital to work. And, even if Nightingale won on that point, it would still be necessary to decide whether that were a figurative or literal expression. And even if literal, it would still be in order to ask whether we are any more bound by Bible texts in matters of economics than we are by the Bible references to the "corners of the earth."

The fact is that the Bible is not a text-book in science. Economics is a science.

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NEWS NOTES AND PERSONALS

It is a safe guess that between seven and eight hundred attended the Commencement of the Henry George School at the Engineering Auditorium in this city on December 22. Mr. C. O. Steele, one of the outstanding teachers at the School, made an ideal chairman. The speakers were Anna George de Mille, Harry Weinberger and Frank Chodorov, the Director. Leon T. Arpin, Marshall de Angelis, Adele Nichols and Mrs. Helen Bernstein followed, and acquitted themselves well as representative student speakers.

An address was made by Johannes Steel, News Commentator for W M C A, on the subject of "Land Monopoly in World Affairs." At the close, refreshments were served after which the floor was cleared for dancing.

OUR friend, Prof. A. Matheu Alonso, writes us from Tarragona, Spain. It is his belief that as soon as the present conflict is over our movement will be resumed with more courage than ever. Due to tariffs and other trade control, prices of food, etc., have gone way up. Unemployment does not exist, and salaries also are very high. Prof. Alonso extends a warm salutation to his friends in the United States.

A WELCOME letter was recently received from Helen D. Denbigh, formerly a teacher at the headquarters of the Henry George School in New York, and now residing in Berkeley, Calif. She is teaching four extension classes in Oakland. Always an indefatigable worker for social uplift when back east, she is thus continuing the battle on the western front. Good luck!

THE death on December 23 of Mrs. Marietta Johnson, founder of the School for Organic Education at Fairhope, is announced in the *Fairhope Courier*. She was born in 1864 and is survived by her son Clifford Emmet Johnson of Summit, N. J. The School for Organic Education attained a national reputation. Mrs. Johnson was associated in this work with her husband who passed away in 1919. She was the author of a number of widely circulated books among which was "Youth in a World of Men." In this work she outlined her ideas of education. There can be no question that she was a remarkable figure in the educational field and wielded considerable influence. She was present at the Henry George Congress and took an active part in the discussions. She was a woman of striking and attractive personality. Fairhope of which she was an ardent disciple will miss her sadly.

THE *Square Deal* of Toronto, Canada, will hereafter appear in mimeographed form and the first issue in this new dress is before us. An article by E. J. Farmer, "A Control Experiment in Economics," is the main article in addition to articles of real information. We neglected to mention in our Conference number that followed the

Toronto gathering, the appearance of the *Square Deal* containing an excellent report of the Henry George Congress. Send 25 cents to Ernest J. Farmer for a copy which is well worthy of preservation. His address is 991 Bay Street, Toronto, Canada.

"AMERICA'S FUTURE," with Frank Gannett as chairman of publication committee at 205 East 42nd Street, is a large monthly periodical with articles on the present world situation by a number of men in the public eye, including such names as Amos Pinchot. There is so much that is valuable in these contributions that we regret the absence of specific recommendations. The tone, generally speaking, is admirable and there is an elevation of thought and an insistence upon the spirit and letter of constitutional rights that all persons of democratic instincts will welcome. But something more than this is needed for definite democratic action.

MRS. BESSIE BEACH TRUEHART, now of Hollywood, California, whom many of our readers will remember from the Henry George Congress in this city in the company of her gifted son, has been bereaved by the death of her mother at the age of 79. She and her husband were pioneer Georgeists. She had been ill for some time. Many Single Taxers throughout the country will hear with regret of her passing.

PROF. HARRY GUNNISON BROWN writes as follows: "I must take this occasion to tell you—as I intended to when I first saw it—how very much I enjoyed your contribution in the November *Freeman* 'What is the Natural Tax?'. In my judgment your literary craftsmanship is of a very high order indeed. It seems to me that this ought to be separately printed in formal verse, i.e., line by line, and with a few well-chosen photographs or sketches, showing (1) 'field, mine and glen,' (2) 'and of the wealth their work has won leave nothing when all work is done,' (3) 'where roads are made, and schools arise and lofty spires pierce the skies.' Not just because of its reasonableness and simplicity but also because of the beauty of its style, it might be very effective for propaganda use."

THE Enoch Pratt Library of Baltimore, Md., is in need of May-June issue for 1928. Can any of our readers supply this issue needed for binding?

STUART PORTNER of 5214 Second Boulevard, Detroit, Michigan, is writing a biography of Louis Freeland Post, and will be glad to receive any materials which will aid him in the preparation of this biography. These will be promptly returned as soon as they are copied.

THE death of John M. Moore of Lancaster, Pa., deprives the movement of a devoted adherent and the editor of a valued correspondent. His friend Foxhall A. Parker writes the following tribute:

In paying a tribute to a dead friend it is well to observe that when men are judged by the applause of the hour they are generally judged by what nature has done for them. But a proper appraisal would be of what use they made of the gifts nature gave them. John Moore's brilliant mind like his great heart never crawled in the dust. He was "the friend of all heroic souls" and not one of those "who fear to speak for the fallen and the weak." It is great to go out into the market place and defy the mob—to speak the message that you have despite all ridicule or abuse in order that our posterity may have a better world to live in. A grand soldier in the army of progress he knew that the *religion of humanity* is the great crying spiritual need of this world;—and he said so. He also knew that this necessarily involved social and economic equity (and not mere political equality alone.) Like a true reformer when he found that this could only be brought about by restoring the land to the people with its natural inborn corollary *free trade in labor products*, he did not hesitate, but said so. "Civilization so based cannot endure. The eternal laws