

The following is a short account of the Student-Alumni Council meeting held May 8:

1. Three new members were elected to the Executive Committee to serve for three years: Mrs. Eva Maxwell, Mr. Max Berkowitz and Mr. Robert Clancy. Other members of this committee are: Miss Helen D. Denbigh, Mr. Leonard T. Recker, Mr. Henry George Atkinson, Mr. Morris J. Goldston, Mr. Charles Joseph Smith and Mr. John Luxton.

2. Two important committees were formed:

a. Library Committee to increase the number of books in the School Library from 1,000 to 5,000 volumes in two years, in order to comply with the requirements of the Board of Regents of the University of the State of New York. The committee consists of Mr. Charles Erwood, chairman; Mrs. Margaret Bingham and Norman Fowles, Jr.

b. Newspaper Committee to prepare a School Paper for circularization among the Extension Classes. The committee consists of Mr. William H. Falconer, chairman; Miss Sophia Green, Mr. Robert Clancy and Mr. Max Berkowitz.

3. A vote of thanks to be sent to Mr. Leonard and Mr. Gene Recker for their splendid work on the pamphlet "Chained."

4. Election of officers of the Student-Alumni Council: Miss Helen D. Denbigh, president; Mr. Max Berkowitz, vice-president; Mr. Charles Joseph Smith, treasurer; and Miss Edith Lee Salkay, secretary.

The addition of Mr. Otto K. Dorn to the School office staff as Business Manager permits of a division of labor that ought to produce constructive results immediately. Under the plan the present director will be chiefly concerned with the class-work and the curriculum while Mr. Dorn will be in charge of business matters.

The entire staff has sensed that there has developed a need to model our curriculum in such fashion that current interest in related subjects can be utilized to draw those interested into the serious study of the science of economics as George elucidated it. There is, of course, not space to even outline that ambitious plan. It is the intention of the present director to attack that phase at the earliest possible moment.

Meanwhile, a careful study of the reactions and resistance of the classes has been going forward with a view to increasing enthusiastic reactions to George's arguments and lessening any resistances that may make conviction on essentials more difficult. In all this work there has been, to date, some falling off in the attendance. This, too, is receiving careful study. The attendance has been, it is true, better than we in New York have a right to expect but, nevertheless, every single absentee is noted, possible reasons explored and efforts to correct are maintained. Experience seems to indicate that the method of presentation has much to do with a falling off in attendance where attendance was at all possible.

In conclusion, the writer feels that after twenty-five years observation of the movement the School method is justifying itself as the most efficient in securing young, open-minded people getting a hearing for George's views, carrying conviction of the truth and arousing a desire to "do something about it." This is said without any effort to disparage the splendid work of others whether organized or unorganized.

Five hundred students for next September and it is believed it can be done!—N. C. B. FOWLES.

Activities of the Manhattan Single Tax Club

THE following officers and directors of the Club, constituting the Managing Board of the organization, were elected at a largely attended meeting of the members on April 16:

Charles H. Ingersoll, president; Anna George de Mille, vice-president; Walter Fairchild, general secretary; Elma Dame, recording secretary; Charles S. Prizer, treasurer and executive director.

John H. Allen, George H. Atkinson, Terese F. Burger, Amalia E. DuBois, Joseph Dana Miller, Harry Weinberger were elected directors.

Recognizing the national scope and character of the Club, the officers were directed by the meeting to create a general executive committee and to appoint a prominent Single Taxer in each State to constitute said committee. The work to be performed by the members of this committee is to assist in securing names for a new and comprehensive mailing list, to secure new members in each State, to build up the national scope and to carry into effect the programme of activities recommended from time to time by the Club.

The composition of the personnel of the newly elected Managing Board assures the close cooperation of the Henry George School of Social Science with the Club.

It is proposed that the graduates and the pupils of the Henry George School of Social Science be urged to join the Club, in which latter organization they will find incentive and opportunity to engage in active propaganda and practical political work for the Single Tax, which activities are not included in the curriculum or programme of the School.

IF half the effort applied by the American Federation of Labor during the past 40 years to strikes, squabbles and securing of futile restrictive legislation had been devoted to securing application of the teachings of "Progress and Poverty" there would today be neither unemployment nor poverty. So organized labor has its share of responsibility for the depression and resulting evils. Continuation of this neglect does not improve the indefensible position it has been occupying.