

A talk on *Progress and Poverty* is to be given by Mr. L. A. Stevenson on Monday, June 11, to the Sydenham Branch of the International Friendship League.

THE AMERICAN HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

The Annual Report for 1950 of the Henry George School of Social Science published at Headquarters, 50 East 69th Street, New York, gives an interesting picture of the year's activities at its various centres. These number twenty-two and are located in twelve states and in Canada. The Report gives the total number of those who completed the Basic Course during the year as 2,788. From details given individually by each centre, the number of students who completed the advanced course was 973. In Chicago the new Commerce and Industry section of the School ran classes under the auspices of leading business firms, of whom no fewer than 39 provided the facilities in their own premises.

Chief text books in use are *Progress and Poverty*, *Protection or Free Trade* and *The Science of Political Economy*. Courses based on George's other works, *The Condition of Labour*, *Social Problems* and *A Perplexed Philosopher*, are included among those conducted for advanced students. The School is supported by voluntary contributions and all tutors give their services free. No charge is made for the classes. We congratulate our co-workers in America and Canada on their excellent record and wish them continuing success in their efforts.

THE AUSTRALIAN SCHOOL

The Twelfth Annual Conference of the Australian School of Social Science was held from February 2 to 11 at the W.E.A. House, Newport Beach, N.S.W. A special feature in the comprehensive programme was the Address on "Land Tenure in Pakistan" by his Excellency the Hon. Yusef A. Haroon, High Commissioner in Australia for Pakistan. Other Addresses and Papers included: "Economics is a Science" by Mrs. I. A. Akeroyd; "Adult Education and the Study of Social Problems" by D. E. Stewart, Sydney Secretary of the W.E.A.; "The Futility of Planning not Based on Natural Law" by F. J. Branagan, President of the School; "Studies in Natural Law" by Mrs. I. A. Butler and W. A. Dowe; "Natural Wages" by W. Brandon; "Australia's Jubilee—What of the next Fifty Years?"; and "The Over-Population Myth" by Harold Inglis. At the Social Evening on the second day, the Master of Ceremonies was E. B. Donohue. During the course of the Conference time was found and was delightfully spent in surfing, excursions, walks, discussions and classes. We look forward to receiving copies of such published matter as the School has made available, especially so the Address on "Land Tenure in Pakistan" by the Hon. Yusef A. Haroon. Full information about the work of the School may be had on application to its address: Box 666, G.P.O., Sydney, N.S.W.

On April 28, Mr. Ashley Mitchell addressed the Leeds Federation of Liberal Clubs. He dealt with land value taxation and free trade as the essential basis of a free and just society and as the assurance of the equal rights and equal opportunities of all. As Treasurer of our International Union, he spoke for its ever-extending work and his recommendation of LAND & LIBERTY has led to copies being sent to a number of the affiliated clubs.

We have already commended *The Liberal Challenge* for its fearless advocacy of the twin liberating policies of land value taxation and free trade. This monthly journal of the Southall and Hanwell (Middlesex) Liberal Association devotes a quarter of its April issue to the policy of raising revenue by taxing land values. The article replies to the argument frequently advanced by Liberals that the electorate is not interested in the land problem. This, says the author, is not a fair criticism for few candidates mentioned land reform in their 1950 General Election campaign. Statistics are given to show the mounting support which land value taxation is receiving in Denmark. He concludes by asking whether Liberals in this country will have the courage and foresight to follow the lead given by the Danish Justice Party.

Members of the Manchester Land Values League met at their Annual General Meeting in the Onward Hall, Manchester, on April 14. Presenting a financial statement, Mr. Albert Brown said there was urgent need for increased local support. The work of the Henry George School and Club was reviewed by Mr. Stowasser Lees. Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Mr. Sydney Needoff, B.A.; Treasurer, Mr. Albert Brown; Chairman of Committee, Mr. F. Bentley. After the conclusion of business a public meeting was held in the same room. This was in the form of a Brains Trust with a panel including Mr. J. D. Slater, Mr. F. Bentley and Mr. Stowasser Lees. Councillor Herbert Eastwood occupied the chair as Question Master. Many questions on Rating, Full Employment, Nationalisation, Tariffs, and Cost of Living were dealt with to the evident satisfaction of the audience.

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We press upon our supporters the need for funds to advance the movement in every field of endeavour. Cheques, etc., may be made payable to R. W. Frost (United Committee) or to Ashley Mitchell (International Union), 4 Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1. The office can receive and will transmit contributions on behalf of any of the allied Associations named below.

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