

DANISH HENRY GEORGE LIBRARY

Established in the Houses of Parliament

Mr. S. Berthelsen writes from Copenhagen :—

“As soon as the Land Value Taxation Act had been passed on 31st March at 3.30 o'clock, I went to the Presidents of the Parliament and handed them my deed of gift in which I presented to the Parliamentary Library the whole of my private collection of books, in all about 300 volumes, comprising the history and the publications of the Danish Henry George Movement, the files of all journals, the works of Henry George I possessed in Danish, English, Swedish, Norwegian, German, etc., books on Danish land laws, and many foreign books on the Henry George Movement in other countries, on Free Trade and kindred subjects.

“The Presidents of the Parliament accepted the gift with pleasure and have provided a special set of shelves where the books will be placed in the Parliamentary Library in the Palace of Christiansborg, and will constitute the first Public Henry George Library in the world. To complete this collection, I would welcome any assistance to procure a copy of all Henry George's works in all languages into which they have been translated.

“We may be able to arrange that this new section of the Parliamentary Library be inaugurated on the opening day of the International Conference and it would be an interesting part of the ceremony if members of the Conference from other countries brought and presented PROGRESS AND POVERTY and other works of Henry George in the original or translated into any language.”

The Copenhagen newspaper POLITIKEN and a number of provincial papers have published a report and description of the new Henry George Library founded by Mr. Berthelsen, who writes us further: “I should be very grateful if there could be added to the collection either the complete set of Henry George's works, Library edition in ten volumes, or at least the seventh volume which is missing from the set I possessed and should certainly be made good in the Parliamentary Library. Further, I should like to be able to present all the issues of Henry George's paper THE STANDARD from any of your readers who can make such a gift.”

We have pleasure and pride in recording the institution of the Henry George Library in the Danish Houses of Parliament. The manner in which the proposal to set up such a Library was at once approved and acted upon is an eloquent tribute to the influence of the movement in Denmark and its progress, as well as to the respect in which Henry George's name is held in that country. Mr. Berthelsen is to be congratulated on having done a notable service, and we applaud his desire to make the Library more and more complete. All who can present books, pamphlets, and publications relevant to Land Value Taxation, Free Trade and the teachings of Henry George, and in any language, are earnestly requested to communicate with Mr. S. Berthelsen at his address, Martensens Allé 5, Copenhagen. In particular we hope that the call for the complete works of Henry George, in the library edition, and for the files of THE STANDARD, can be met.

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NOTES AND NEWS

June 1st, 1926 is the thirty-second birthday of LAND & LIBERTY. We gratefully remember the many friends the magazine has won for itself during those thirty-two years, as we diligently strive to bring others to the service. The call is still for additional strength and one good way to gain it is by placing new subscribers on our mailing list. We earnestly ask all who appreciate LAND & LIBERTY and its related work to lend a hand in extending its usefulness.

To accommodate the staff who will be in attendance next month at the Conference at Copenhagen, the July and August issues of LAND & LIBERTY will be published together as a double number.

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Our brief statement last month as to the pressing need of the United Committee for new and additional financial strength has not been altogether passed over. But we must again plead with our readers for a generous and immediate hearing. A subscriber writes: “Your appeal for funds cannot be ignored. I sent my subscription two months ago. Here is another donation (£3 3s.). LAND AND LIBERTY must be kept in being.” We are in agreement with this sentiment, and keep hoping to hear from many like minded with our friend. Another subscriber sends £25 with his best wishes for the cause the journal upholds.

Quite a number of friends are hard at work trying to make good the loss we recently sustained in the passing of our late generous supporter, George Lamb. We appreciate these endeavours and once more ask all who are concerned for the strength and the influence of the Committee and its work to treat this notice as a personal and direct word calling for an immediate response: 11, Tothill Street, London, S.W.1.

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We extend a cordial welcome to Mr. K. J. Kristensen of Copenhagen who with Mrs. Kristensen is spending a couple of weeks' holiday in this country. Mr. Kristensen is among the most distinguished of our co-workers in Denmark, not only for his eminent services as a writer and speaker and in the Parliamentary work of the movement but also on account of the high position he holds both at the Supreme Valuation Board and as Secretary of the Government Statistical Department. He is an authority on the principle and practice of land valuation. His illuminating article on that subject in our January issue will be remembered. Our visitor is making the most of his time studying conditions in this country and the progress of land value taxation abroad as it is recorded at the Information Bureau of the United Committee. He will be present and speak at the annual meeting of the English League on 9th July and London friends will be happy to greet him there.

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Our colleague in the Transvaal, Mr. Mather Smith, (P.O. Mabula via Warmbaths) sends us a copy of a pamphlet he has just produced WHY POVERTY IN THE MIDST OF PLENTY? It is printed in both English and Dutch and any one desiring a copy should apply to the Author.

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