

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

The syllabus of economic study classes for the Winter Session at 4 Great Smith Street is as follows:—

Tuesdays (opening date January 17), Tutors' Class, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Tuesdays (opening date January 17), Basic Course, 7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Wednesdays (opening date January 18), Basic Course,
7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Thursdays (opening date January 19), Basic Course,
7 p.m.—9 p.m.

Thursdays (opening date January 19), International Trade,
7 p.m.—9 p.m.

The Tutors include V. H. Blundell (Tutors' Course), Chas. Aitken (International Trade), and Ron. Blundell, D. S. Boothman and Peter Stubbings (Basic Course).

At the close of the Autumn Session a Brains Trust was held at Hope House to answer the queries of First Course students, a panel of advanced students and tutors acting as the "Brains."

On Sunday, December 11, nearly 60 ex-students and friends met at a Christmas Party held at St. Anne's House, organised by Maureen Whitehouse and Joan O'Leary, with Frank Docherty as M.C. It was a great success both socially and financially.

The emptying of a stockroom (its contents transferred to specially built shelves in passages and elsewhere) and the removal of a partition wall now provides a much enlarged library and classroom at Headquarters. This work, together with plastering, decorating and painting was undertaken by Messrs. F. Docherty, S. Bradley and P. O'Leary voluntarily in their spare time, a service counting as a material donation to the cause. Other students organised into "work squads" have also contributed their services, giving much assistance in the clerical work at the offices, and encouraging, to have been the money donations received from students at the end of the term.

Manchester. A new class for the study of the Basic Course begins on January 26 with Miss Grace Levy as the Tutor. In the publicity undertaken to make the class known, large posters are appearing on the main railway stations, and Press notices, both local and national, carry details of the course. Miss Betty Noble, the Secretary, and Mr. Lees are organising a distribution of leaflets, of which 3,000 have been printed. In addition, notices and posters have gone out to 100 clubs in the area and enrolments to date are very encouraging.

The Manchester Georgeists formed by students are now meeting regularly for discussion with guest speakers to address them on economic and social questions.

Blackburn. Under the direction of Mrs. F. G. Sumner another class for the study of *Progress and Poverty* (Basic Course) has been organised and opened on January 18. Encouraging has been the financial support given by local supporters and students at the session recently held.

Glasgow. A class for the study of International Trade, conducted by Mr. Cameron, and a class for the study of the Science of Political Economy, conducted by Dr. F. M. Smith, opened on January 4 and 8 respectively. Assisting in the organising and running of these classes are Messrs. Cameron, Morgan and Rennie. Mr. Charles MacSwan, under whose guidance the study classes were restarted in this area, left England for the United States on January 4. A hurried visit to Westminster before his departure gave his friends at Head Office the opportunity of wishing him personally every success in his new venture and to assure him of the welcome that awaits him from Georgeists in the U.S.A. He leaves the good work he started in Glasgow in capable hands.

Portsmouth. Spade work for the establishment of a live School centre in this area continues under the leadership of Mr. H. R. Lee, who has organised a new Basic Course class, which started on January 20. Mr. Stoakes conducts the class, with Mr. Lee as Chairman.

Croydon. A Basic Course class in this area, to be conducted by Mr. P. O'Leary, and organised by Mrs. J. O'Leary, will open on January 24. Both Mr. and Mrs. O'Leary have conducted classes at 4 Great Smith Street.

SAN FRANCISCO EXTENSION

On January 17, at the San Francisco Public Library and Civic Centre, with Joseph S. Thompson (President, Pacific Electric Manfg. Co.) as Chairman, Dr. Glenn E. Hoover, of the Department of Sociology and Economics, Mills College, delivered an address entitled "20th Century Education versus Want and Collectivism." The occasion was the launching ceremony to introduce the Henry George School of Social Science to the City of San Francisco. Mr. Rupert Mason is closely associated with Joseph S. Thompson in this new School. A letter accompanies the invitation to attend the opening ceremony (beautifully done and addressed to "Labour and Management" alike), emphasising the "trend away from individual rights and responsibilities towards incentive-killing taxes and vexatious controls" and inviting a study of the only alternative.

LAND-VALUE RATING IN VICTORIA

Progress, Melbourne, August issue reports a signal victory for land-value rating in the shire of Frankston and Hastings, the vote at the poll giving 2,517 for and 1,175 against. Frankston Shire Council passed a resolution two years ago to adopt the land-value rating system, but the necessary valuation could not then be undertaken owing to the death of the Shire Secretary, which obliged the Valuer to take over Shire-Secretary duties for a long period. Meanwhile, opponents of the change became so vocal that the Council, rescinding its resolution, decided to let the matter be tested at a poll of ratepayers. The result has been an overwhelming endorsement of the resolution adopted in the first instance, and it is likely to have considerable influence in speeding the reform in other Shires throughout the State.

In Collingwood the poll for adoption of land-value rating failed by 4,848 votes to 1,175, which looks like a heavy defeat; but unfair advantage was taken by the Council itself having sent out a circular at public expense denouncing the proposal, and behind this weight of authority were half-truths that were positively misleading.

At the municipal elections there were some significant defeats of partisans against land-value rating: In Heidelberg, Councillor Clinton, for 19 years a member of the Council, but strongly identified with the opposition, was dismissed. In Oakleigh, Kew and Moerabin (where land-value rating is in operation), men who have led in an agitation to revert to the old system of taxing improvements either failed of election or lost their seats. In Kew there were three such defeats; in Moerabin, in the new Council, five new faces now replace Councillors who were opposed to land value rating.

With the latest victory in Frankston and Hastings Shire, the "land-value rating" local authorities in Victoria now comprise fourteen of the twenty-eight cities in the Melbourne metropolitan area, four boroughs or towns outside it and four shires.

CANADIAN DEMAND FOR ENDING THE EXCHANGE CONTROL

In the debate, in the Canadian Senate, on September 28, on the Address in Reply to the Speech from the Throne, the Hon. A. W. ROEBUCK said, in the course of his remarks:—

"I would abolish the Foreign Exchange Control Board root and branch, and leave our foreign exchange, both United States and sterling, to react to its natural normal equilibrium. But a free economy is the last thing desired by the bureaucrats of this or any other country. The Marxian philosophy of a controlled economy has prevailed. Canada, Great Britain and all the rest have maintained fixed rates of exchange and have endeavoured to beat the market by all sorts of compulsions and restrictions, quotas, tariffs, and so on, which have harassed the business world. For months we in Canada, and the Crippses in England and elsewhere, have been endeavouring, like old King Canute, to sweep back the sea, until all of us have got our feet wet, and some people have been nearly drowned. The trade upon which Great Britain depends for its existence, instead of responding, as it always did in the free markets of the past, has been nearly ruined. The market has won in this contest, as it always will win, irrespective of the powers and egotisms of governments which propose to coerce it. Canada and the United Kingdom have been forced to acknowledge the real