

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Winter Session of economic discussion classes opened during the week of January 22 with a total enrolment of 80. Eight classes in all are now being held in the London area, particulars of which are as follows:—

Westminster. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (Basic Course.) Tutors, Mr. C. E. Aitken, Mr. N. Gardner. (International Trade.) Tutor, Mr. V. H. Blundell. Thursdays, 7 p.m. (Basic Course.) Tutors, Mr. L. Stevenson, Mr. P. Stubbings.

Croydon. Mondays, 7 p.m. (Basic Course.) Tutor, Mr. C. Nelmes.

Battersea. Mondays, 7.30 p.m. (Basic Course.) Tutor, Mr. W. E. Fox.

Enfield. Tuesdays, 7 p.m. (Basic Course.) Tutor, Mr. W. J. Cadman.

The first night of the new term at 4 Great Smith Street was one of great activity. Working like a squad of scene-shifters, volunteers soon transformed the daytime offices into classrooms, the blackboards and easels giving the final touch to the scholastic atmosphere. Students began to arrive early and the corridors were soon lined with people waiting to register and to buy text books. By 7.15 p.m. 36 students were starting their first lesson of the term. Encouraging was the number of previous Basic Course students who re-enrolled for the class on International Trade. Three of the rooms used for classes were packed to capacity; a fourth was in use by volunteers who had come to work on the School magazine. On the second class night the scene was re-enacted when some 24 more students attended. Perhaps the best evidence of the success of the opening classes was the way in which students, instead of going straight home, lingered in the rooms and passages until they were literally turned out. The offices are open also on the third Sunday in each month for informal discussion.

Glasgow. On the resumption of the class in January, 1951, twelve students have taken up the study of "Protection or Free Trade" under the guidance of Dr. F. M. Smith as tutor, with the assistance of Mr. C. Stevenson. The Glasgow Branch is much indebted to Dr. Smith, who has devoted so much of his time to organising and conducting these classes. Their success is largely due to his efforts. Mr. Stevenson has acted as tutor in Dr. Smith's absence and Messrs. Cameron and Morgan have given unflinching support and assistance. It is intended that the meetings of this class will be continued until after Easter in order to complete the study of "The Science of Political Economy."

The Erith Liberal Association are to run a discussion class for the study of the Basic Course (text book *Progress and Poverty*). The class will be held fortnightly with a tutor supplied by the School. Although primarily for Liberals, people outside the Association will be invited to attend the discussions and a public meeting to secure enrolments is to be held on March 2, using the film strip "Millions of Jobs." The speaker will be Mr. V. H. Blundell. Responsible for the initiation of the project is Mr. R. H. H. Jones, who, with Mr. Crickett, the Secretary, is assisting in the publicity work. Mr. Jones who has only just finished the Basic Course himself has lost no time in bringing the work of the School to the notice of others. He continues his own studies at the School as a member of the International Trade class.

On Wednesday, January 31, Mr. V. H. Blundell addressed the Sidcup Liberal Association on "The Land Question in Politics" at the Sidcup Station Hotel. The chair was taken by Mr. Stephen Martin, President of the Association.

"The Need for Land Reform and the Method of achieving it" is the title of an address given to the Loughton Liberal Association on February 13. Speaker was Mr. Leslie Hubbard, who is a recent addition to the Speakers' Panel of the Henry George School and also to the panel of tutors. With Miss Betty Walden he is joint editor of the School's (monthly) *Henry George Magazine*.

WEEK-END SCHOOL AT MORETON MORRELL

Accommodation for 60 persons has been reserved at Moreton Paddox, Moreton Morrell, nr. Leamington Spa, for the School's Spring Conference which is to be held from April 6 to 8. The Week-end Schools held at Harrogate and Dorking last year were fully booked so an early reservation is advised. Terms are as follows: Friday dinner to Sunday tea, 36s.; Sunday dinner to Sunday tea, 21s. Ten per cent. for gratuities to be added in each case.

Moreton Paddox, the house where guests will be staying, is of Tudor origin and is surrounded by extensive gardens and wooded hills. The sub-committee of the United Committee, appointed to assist in the work of the School, are preparing the programme which will include a quick-fire quiz bearing on the history, work and philosophy of the Henry George movement. Ample opportunity will be given for discussion in the various sessions. An additional attraction is a coach trip to Stratford-on-Avon which has been arranged for the Saturday afternoon the charge for which will be 3s. 6d. The organisation of the Conference is in the hands of Mrs. Joan O'Leary who will be pleased to receive enrolments as soon as possible, together with 5s. deposit.

THE GEORGEISTS (LONDON BRANCH)

At the Annual General Meeting held at 4 Great Smith Street, S.W.1, on Saturday, January 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Mr. Wilfrid Harrison; Vice-President, Mr. W. E. Fox; Secretary, Mr. P. R. Stubbings; Assistant Secretary, Mr. L. S. Stevenson. *Committee:* Messrs. V. H. Blundell, R. R. Blundell, S. Bradley, W. J. Cadman, L. J. Hubbard, A. W. Madsen, E. I. Miller, P. O'Keefe, V. Saldj, R. Smith and Mrs. J. O'Leary and Mrs. M. Whitehouse.

The Third Anniversary Dinner was held at Queen Anne's Parlour the same evening. Guest speaker was Mr. George Winder who addressed members on "Britain's Food and Farming Policies." Mr. A. W. Madsen presided. Mr. Winder, who is a farmer and a free-trader, gave an instructive statement of the way in which Protection has resulted in a shortening of food supplies. Sub-marginal land had had to be brought into use by subsidising owners of land and as use could not be made of the most modern reaping machinery owing to the nature of British farm land, production of grain was made even more costly as compared with what it could be obtained for from abroad. We could, with the ports fully opened to the importation of cheap grain, said Mr. Winder, build up our cattle herds until there was a plentiful supply of meat for all. As things were it meant that our meat supplies were being sacrificed for the privilege of eating our own corn and paying unnecessarily high prices for it. The relationship between Free Trade and the Land Question was fully explored in the discussion that followed.

LIVERPOOL LEAGUE

The first two of a series of regular meetings organised by the Liverpool League for the Taxation of Land Values were well attended by members and friends. Questions and discussion covering a wide range of economic and moral questions followed the talks on "The Law of Supply and Demand" given by Mr. F. R. Jones, Chairman of the League, on Friday, February 9, and on "Protection or Free Trade," given by Mr. H. T. Boothby, February 23. The meetings are held in the Stork Hotel, Queens Square, Liverpool, and are designed to hammer home basic economic principles by free discussion. Similar meetings have been arranged for March 9, when Mr. O. B. Sweeney will speak on "The Moral Aspect of the Land Question"; and March 30, when Mr. L. J. Craig will open the discussion on "The Law of Rent."

FORM OF BEQUEST

I bequeath, free of duty, to the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values, Limited, the sum of £.....