

## HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

*Westminster.* Economic Study Classes for the Spring Session will begin on Tuesday and Thursday, April 22 and 24. Courses will be based on *Progress and Poverty*, *Protection or Free Trade* and *The Science of Political Economy*. The current series of classes which ends on March 27, will be followed by two lectures: Mr. V. H. Blundell, Director of Studies, will speak on "Is Interest Just?" (April 3); and Mr. L. J. Hubbard on "Modern Malthusianism" (April 10).

The April Monthly Discussion Meeting will be addressed by Mr. G. S. Whyte, B.A., who will speak on "The Schuman Plan and International Trade," on behalf of Federal Union, at 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1, on April 17, at 7 p.m. For May, the School has invited a trio of speakers from the Council of Christians and Jews, who will give their independent views on "The Moral Law." This meeting will be held at Church House, Great Smith Street, Westminster, on May 21, at 7 p.m. The value of these discussion lectures lies in the scope provided for those participating in the question and debating period to bring out the fundamental issues involved in political and social questions.

At Church House, on February 20, students heard Mr. Derek Wardle, of the Wheathill Bruderhof, outline his community's philosophy and its application in their own small society. The speaker read passages from *Progress and Poverty*, dealing with the problem of individual life, which he endorsed, but in spite of his sincerity and obvious desire to promote a better way of life among people, one was left with the thought that, valuable as the community's way of life was to those with a personal problem, the communistic methods of life without money and "from each according to his ability, to each according to his need" was not a solution which could be applied successfully to the problems of the world outside.

The large audience which attended Church House on March 12 to hear Mr. Walter Neale speak on "The Modern Approach to Economics" was disappointed to learn that the speaker had been taken ill only a day or so before. Mr. V. H. Blundell, who was in the Chair, announced a discussion on the Budget. Mr. A. W. Madsen opened the debate and he was supported by Mr. W. E. Fox and Mr. L. Stevenson. Discussion ranged ultimately over inflation, interest, land prices, subsidies and the welfare state, and there was general agreement that Mr. Butler and his responsible colleagues were lopping at branches instead of hacking at roots. Mr. Neale has promised to keep his engagement at some future date.

Tuesday evening is well established as "work night" at 4 Great Smith Street. Each week a dozen or so volunteers are engaged typing letters, addressing envelopes, preparing and despatching notices of meetings, printing and sorting lesson sheets, filing, etc., all of which aids considerably in the advancement of the School.

*Bromley.* A class for the study of the Basic Course began on April 24 among the young Liberals of Beckenham and Bromley. Organisers are Mr. F. Hedges, Chairman of the Bromley Young Liberal Association, and Mr. K. Nash, Secretary of the Beckenham Association. The tutor is Mr. Ron. Blundell, who recently took twelve young Liberals through a ten-week Basic Course at Ilford. The meetings will be held at the Liberal Rooms, Bromley, every Monday, at 7.45 p.m.

*Bexley.* Liberals in this area have asked for information regarding the economics classes and hope to arrange for a basic course to start in October.

*South Harrow.* A lecture to stimulate interest in the economics classes of the School has been asked for by Miss Sylvia Pocock, who is a third course student of the Westminster Classes and Secretary of the South Harrow Young Liberal Association. The lecture will be given by Mr. V. H. Blundell, and Miss Pocock hopes to get enough students to start a class.

*Croydon.* The "Science of Political Economy" Class, conducted by Mr. Pat O'Leary, which began in February is maintaining good attendance. Mrs. Joan O'Leary, Organiser for this area, hopes to start a class on International Trade when the present session ends, the students having already

gone through a Basic Course. On Wednesday, April 9, Mr. V. H. Blundell will sum up the Course on the Science of Political Economy and review the system of economics as taught in schools to-day.

*Glasgow.* Two study groups are now running simultaneously at the Bothwell Institute under the auspices of the Scottish League for Land Value Taxation. The Basic Course is being conducted by Mr. R. Russell, and the advanced class, who are now studying "The Science of Political Economy," is being taken by Mr. N. Hopkins. An expansion of the School into the suburbs of Glasgow is contemplated and the coming months will be devoted to propaganda to this end. Dr. F. M. Smith and his co-organisers, D. Cameron and C. Morgan, are to be complimented on this encouraging development.

### MEETINGS AND PROPAGANDA.

The two public meetings held in Great Harwood and Accrington, on March 10 and 11, at which Mr. V. H. Blundell spoke on "Abundance For All," produced some promising contacts. Six people showed particular interest and gave their names and addresses for notification of future meetings and for further information on the Taxation of Land Values. Others, stirred by what was to them an "original" approach to social problems, accepted literature with eagerness. Mr. Blundell, in his address and at question time, covered much ground, having something to say on the welfare state, taxation, subsidies, free trade, rights of property, inflation, and the fallacious theory of Malthus. His audience showed not only considerable sympathy with the views expressed, but a genuine desire to come to grips with the fundamentals involved. The meetings were organised by Mrs. F. G. Sumner with the assistance of Mr. R. J. Murray, who was Chairman at the Great Harwood meeting, and Mr. C. Stanley, who was Chairman at the Accrington meeting.

On Monday, March 17, Mr. W. J. Cadman took part in a debate sponsored by the Sylvan Debating Society at their meeting place in Holborn. Mr. Cadman proposed the following motion: "That the Welfare State as at present existing is not the right solution of the nation's social problem." The motion which was opposed by the Rev. P. L. Quillet was lost by a small majority, but considering the general acceptance of Welfare State ideas, this was not surprising. Mr. Cadman took the opportunity to put forward the constructive proposals of Henry George as the only alternative to the regimentation and piece-meal charity schemes of the Welfare State.

### THE GEORGEISTS (LONDON).

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday, April 26th, 3 p.m., at 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, S.W.1. This will be followed by an informal social gathering, to which all friends of the movement are invited. At 7 p.m. Mr. Erik Harremoës, who has recently arrived in England, will speak on "The Justice Party and the Political Situation in Denmark." Questions and discussion will follow. Refreshments (at a nominal charge) will be available from 6 p.m.

The leaflet campaign, started some weeks ago in the London area, continues. On February 20, copies of the International Union's Declaration of Principle and Policy were handed to people attending a meeting organised by the United Nations' Association at the Central Hall, Westminster, where "The Moral Crisis in International Affairs" was being debated, and the leaflet, "Title Deeds to Land," was put to good use at a meeting to launch the Kenya Land Petition, which was held at the Conway Hall, on March 7.

Budget Day provided an ideal opportunity for the distribution of the leaflet, "It's Your Money," and copies were circulated simultaneously at Westminster, Croydon and Loughton.

A number of enrolments for the Spring Classes were received following a special hand-out of the School's "To Non-Complacent People" leaflet at a meeting held on Friday, March 21, at the Central Hall, Westminster, organised by the Peace Pledge Union. Useful personal contacts were made.