

## HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

**Westminster.** Classes now in session are as follows: Tuesdays, *Basic Course* and *The Science of Political Economy*. Thursdays, *Basic Course*, *International Trade* and *Tutors' Course*. The tutors are: V. H. Blundell (Director of Studies), L. J. Hubbard, W. Brebner and C. A. E. Aitken. Attendance (including those who give clerical assistance) is well over sixty weekly and "drop outs" have been less than in any previous term.

Because of the forthcoming International Conference with the preparations it entails, and because of the need to give tutors a rest, there will not be a Summer Term this year. Instead, there will be one discussion-lecture each week in which all students are invited to participate. Subjects will include: "The Town and Country Planning Act," "Modern Malthusians," "Sound Money," "The Rights of Man," "Do We Want a Welfare State?" and "The Problem of Monopolies."

**Bromley.** The *Basic Course* class among local Liberals which is being conducted by Mr. Ron Blundell, ends on June 11. Mr. Charles Aitken will attend to summarise the ten lessons. The course has been enthusiastically received and well supported; an extension course is being planned for the autumn. Mr. K. Nash, Secretary of the Beckenham Liberal Association and member of the class hopes to start his own *Basic Course* class before the end of the year.

**Croydon.** A class on *International Trade* is being conducted by Mr. Pat O'Leary. Students are those who completed a course on *The Science of Political Economy* last term. It is hoped to arrange regular monthly meetings for these advanced students when the present session ends. A new *Basic Course* class is being planned by Mrs. J. O'Leary and past students will help in the publicity work which will include a widespread distribution of leaflets.

**Southgate.** Members of Southgate Young Liberal Association, which meets every Friday at 78 Green Dragon Lane, Winchmore Hill, have started the ten-week *Basic Course* under the guidance of Mr. W. J. Cadman. News of this new class which was the outcome of a talk given by Mr. W. E. Bland to the Young Liberal Association a few weeks ago was reported in the *Palmers Green Gazette*, May 16. Ten members are attending regularly.

The senior Liberals have requested a speaker to deal with the subject of Land Value Taxation, and on July 9, Mr. V. H. Blundell will address them at the Village Hall, Southgate.

**Glasgow.** Classes for the study of the *Basic Course*, *International Trade* and *The Science of Political Economy* which began in January at the Christian Institute, Bothwell Street, closed in April. Tutors were Dr. F. M. Smith, Mr. N. Hopkins and Mr. R. Russell. They were supported by Mr. D. Cameron and Mr. C. J. E. Morgan who have attended the classes regularly throughout the sessions since their inauguration in 1948; their profound knowledge of the subject was of great assistance to the tutors and benefit to the students. Publicity for the recruitment of students has included the posting of "Round Table Class" leaflets to 1,000 graduates of the University of Glasgow, newspaper advertising and door-to-door canvassing. Former students of the school visited the "Campania" during her visit to Glasgow and distributed leaflets to visitors leaving the ship. The postal campaign and personal recommendations were responsible for most of the enrolments.

Arrangements for the Session, 1952/53, include a plan to run classes concurrently at the Christian Institute and at a convenient place in the west of Glasgow. It is proposed to recruit students to the last named class by an intensive house-to-house distribution of leaflets. With a view to forming a permanent association for former students and others interested in the School, it is suggested to inaugurate an association to be known as The Georgeists (Glasgow Branch).

The Henry George School is run under the auspices of the Scottish League for Land Value Taxation and the organisation

is in the hands of its Vice-President, Dr. F. M. Smith, and Secretary, Mr. R. J. Rennie.

### TWO LONDON MEETINGS

On April 17, Mr. G. S. Whyte, B.A., of Federal Union, addressed students on "International Trade and the Schuman Plan." The speaker was well acquainted with the intricacies of his subject and gave an excellent exposition; but the case was more stated than argued, and when question time came there were many pertinent queries from the audience who refused to take it for granted that the Schuman Plan was in the interests of the communities concerned. Although Mr. Whyte stated that he was a free-trader, he seemed unable to use anything but protectionist arguments in defence of the Plan; the verdict was that he had not made a case for its support.

The meeting held at Church House on May 21, when a trio of speakers from the Council of Christians and Jews led a discussion on "The Moral Law," was disappointing to many. It had been anticipated that the three speakers representing the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish faiths would give their independent views on the moral law making full use of the hour placed at their disposal. Instead, after about seven minutes of vague generalities the speakers invited the audience to enter the discussion. Questioners found it impossible to get definite answers on fundamental points. All three speakers dwelt on the "right to a minimum standard of living," "the right to a decent share of property," "the right to the basic essentials of food, clothing and shelter," and "the right to develop the full use of one's faculties." Ownership of property (defined as anything which is subject to ownership) was conditioned by the owner accepting the responsibility of using his property in the "best interests of the community." The idea of ownership arose from the acquisitiveness of man and was sanctioned by the state in the name of the people.

While it must be admitted that the views of the speakers were not unusual, it is regrettable that these exponents of a road to a better way of life could offer no clear and decisive basis for the rights of property in nature's gifts and the rights of property in the products of man.

### THE GEORGEISTS (LONDON BRANCH)

The following meetings will be held during the coming months. *Sunday, June 8*, at 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, 7 p.m.—Discussion led by Len Stevenson on "The Functions of Government." Refreshments. *Wednesday, June 18*, at Church House, Westminster, 7 p.m.—Mr. M. Rubenstein of the London School of Economics, on "Ricardo's Law of Rent—Is it now Irrelevant?" Questions and discussion. *Wednesday, July 16*, at Hope House, Great Peter Street, Westminster, 7 p.m.—Mr. J. F. Eggleston on "The Dollar-Sterling problem—Its Cause and Cure." Questions and discussion. Non-members who are readers of *LAND & LIBERTY*, and students of the Henry George School are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

The Annual General Meeting was held at 4 Great Smith Street, S.W.1, on Saturday, April 26. The report from the Executive and the statement of accounts were adopted. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, Mr. Wilfrid Harrison. *Vice-President*, Mr. W. E. Fox. *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. L. A. Stevenson. *Assistant Secretary*, Miss Jessica Baker. After the business meeting Mr. Erik Harremoes spoke on, "The Justice Party and the Political Situation in Denmark."

Len Stevenson fought the Hambrough Ward, Southall (Middlesex) as a Liberal Candidate in the Borough Council Elections held on May 8. Site Value Rating was the main item of policy in his election address. Also fighting in the local elections with Site Value Rating in the forefront of his programme was John Osborn, who contested the Fairlop Ward in Ilford (Essex).