

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL

The Economic classes, which started in September, are proceeding satisfactorily. Since our report in the last issue classes have been organised in Whalley, near Blackburn, Lancs., and in Guildford, Surrey. The class in Whalley is being conducted by Mr. Sumner and was organised almost single-handed by Mrs. F. G. Sumner, with untiring zeal and persistence. The Guildford class is being conducted by Mr. W. E. Fox, assisted by Mr. W. Elliott. Plans for the New Year include a tutors' training class, and a new course based on "Democracy versus Socialism," by Max Hirsch.

LONDON GEORGEISTS

At the October meeting, held at 4 Great Smith Street, Westminster, members were addressed by Mr. Don Wright on "The Aims of the Crusade for World Government." The meeting could not accept the idea put forward by the speaker that a world government should first be formed and details of its principles and policy worked out afterwards. The lack of clear-cut basic principles and the vague suggestions of Welfare State measures were other lines of criticism. Those members who did not totally reject the idea of a world government thought it at least premature—the putting of the cart before the horse.

"Dealing with the Crisis" was the subject for the November meeting, held at Hope House, Great Peter Street. It was an open debate, which gave rise to lively discussion. Members found difficulty in getting down to real issues when problems were expressed in the jargon of politicians and modern economists. The maze of legislation and controls had given the "Problems of the Crisis" a complexity wholly unjustified.

On December 14 members will be addressed by a representative of the Socialist Party of Great Britain on its principles and policy. Question time should reveal how much members know their own case and the arguments of their opponents.

Members of the Speakers' Panel received excellent publicity in the local Press when they addressed Liberal organisations on the subject of Land Value Taxation.

On November 9, at 4 Great Smith Street, members organised a classical musical concert for students and their friends, and the proceeds were donated to the funds of the Henry George School.

More and more propaganda work is being done individually, members making full use of their local opportunities of participating in debates, writing to the Press, attending public meetings and distributing leaflets, etc.

The Annual General Meeting and the Second Anniversary Dinner will be held on Saturday, January 7, 1950.

On November 3, Mr. F. R. Jones, Chairman of the Liverpool Land Values League, spoke to the luncheon meeting of the Crosby Rotary Club at St. Luke's Hall on "The Sole Remedy for our Economic Troubles." There was a crowded attendance of leading local business and professional men. The information given opened a new point of view to most in the audience, none of whom showed disagreement. Arrangements may be made for a special evening meeting to present a fuller exposition of the practical application of land value taxation and the removal of taxation from the work of man's hands. It was a successful gathering, and there was unexpected support from two clergymen, the head of a large advertising firm and a bank manager.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE DECLARATION.
Corrections in text. The following should be made:—Page 2, line 9, insert comma between the words "franchise" and "industry." Page 2, line 23, the word "state" should read "State," with a capital S. Page 2, line 28, the word "landowners" should read "landholders."

"There are many practical economists who think that the circulation of gold coinage is an essential first step back on the road to financial sanity. Putting intrinsic money back into the pockets of the people, they say, would give them a far more effective means of controlling the financial extravagance of their governments than any other system yet devised. Government expenditures, they claim, would then be subject to the same discipline of the market-place that every housewife knows."—*The Star City Editor*, November 10.

A farming correspondent in the South of Scotland writes: "Land inflation is rampant here now and steadily all the benefits to farming by means of Government aid are being absorbed more and more in rent. My landlord demands £300 more per annum and refuses to spend a penny on improvements, or to carry out his obligations re repairs. He refuses consent to me to make repairs, and this is typical of thousands of cases. Of course, I can fight him and I think defeat him, but most of the smaller farmers are helpless. The Agriculture Act, as we told the Government, is almost useless to stop it. It is far too weak. Consider also the incidence of Death Duties on agricultural land. The new regulations give 45 per cent. remission of Death Duties to landowners. That means in respect of one farm I know, that the tenant on his property on the farm will have to pay about £15,000 but the landlord only £8,250, and the latter has never done anything than draw rackrent for 90 years except where he has been compelled by the County Council or Agricultural Executive Committee to effect required improvements."

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