

Kenya Legislature, dramatically half-tore his Western-type jacket from his shoulders as he told his stamping audience: 'They (Europeans) brought this jacket . . . I would rather be naked and not civilised and have my land.' Mr. Mathu suggested the formation of a new body to be called the African Lands Restoration League. He added that if the land was not restored 'they can bring an atomic bomb and destroy the whole lot of us because without land the future of the African people in this country is doomed.'

ECONOMICS AT THE UNIVERSITY

Dr. H. G. Pearce, of Sydney, N.S.W., author of the book *Value, Normal and Morbid* has written as follows in a letter to Mr. J. Rupert Mason, of San Francisco:—

"I have long been of the opinion that the delusions in which public opinion confides are mostly inherited from the Universities, *i.e.*, they are largely the delusions which were the *official* delusions of 'thinkers' about 30-50 years before. Hence I have tried for some years to interest University students. No avenue of approach seemed open, as most students seem to *worship* their professors and most professors seem to be interested in little else than *being worshipped*. Finally, I devised a plan of catching some students who were entering the faculty of Economics—I got contact with two or three but concentrated on one. I did not push Georgeism on to him but rather criticised what he was being taught by reference to Prof. Robbins: 'We are not yet agreed what it is we are talking about.' Prof. Davenport: 'A confusion of tongues' lasting from 'the eighteenth century well into the twentieth.' Prof. Leacock: 'Invasion of Thought by Mathematical Symbols' and Prof. L. Fraser: 'Fourteen different meanings of capital,' etc., etc.

"Nothing much seemed to happen for three years, but as that one student seemed still willing to listen I kept to my line that he was learning little but jargon. In December last he sat for his third year examination and about that time he admitted to me that it all seemed fairly intelligible for a year or two but that his third year studies had convinced him that I was right. He was getting more and more entangled in jargon. So he asked me if I would deliver a short course of lectures on economics during the long vacation if he could secure a group of ten students. I agreed, of course. I heard no more till Friday, 19th January, when he phoned me and said he had a group of 19 students ready.

"We had seven lectures and the attendance was not 19 but 30. They especially asked me to concentrate on two questions:—(1) What economic science is, *i.e.*, its formal object; (2) what is investment?

These two points seemed to be their chief muddles and hence their chief worries.

"I had no set course along these lines and so I had to make one up as I went along. They were so impressed that they want me to continue with a few more lectures during mid-winter vacation (about two weeks' duration). One student took 350 pages of notes, and the class asked my permission to have these duplicated for the benefit of the others. I checked over these notes and gave my permission. They promised to send me a few copies."

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OBITUARY

James Dundas White died on April 30 at his residence at 39 Burton Court, Chelsea. He was in his 85th year and had been an invalid for the past two years, but almost up to the last was actively interested in the work of the Henry George movement. His latest literary contribution is his book *Land Value Reform* published 1949 by the Land & Liberty Press, Ltd. In his long life he rendered an immense service not only by his writings but also in his Parliamentary career, as a gifted exponent of the principles and policy for which this journal stands. Especially valuable was his guidance in the matter of practical application and the careful drafting of legislation, to which he attached the utmost importance. The evidence of that is most clearly shown in his last book, successor to the many that came from his pen in the course of years. That work began even before 1906 when he first entered Parliament as Liberal member for Dumbartonshire. His books and pamphlets are too numerous to list fully, but notable among them were his *Economic Ideals*, the *Truth about Tariffs*, the admirable *A.B.C. of the Land Question*, the *Scheme for Land Value Taxation*, the *Economic Justice*, the *Land Value Policy* and *Our Land and How to Make it so*. His most active political life was during the Liberal administration from 1906 to 1914 when, after representing Dumbartonshire till 1910, he was elected Member for Tradeston in 1911. He was successively Private Secretary to two of the Ministers, but otherwise held no offices; even better than that was the high esteem in which he was held by his colleagues. One of the most instructive documents that came out of all the legislative discussions of that time was the report of the Select Committee, presided over by Lord Advocate Alexander Ure, on the Scottish Land Value Taxation Bill—a historic vindication of the whole principle—and as a member of that Committee Dundas White rendered exceptional service. In 1919 he had a change of heart and joined the I.L.P., standing for Labour at Middlesbrough in 1923 and for Central Glasgow in 1924, both without success. Afterwards he retired from the political field. To converse with him was to have the impression of being with an eminent man, and lovable withal, for there was great charm in his companionship; and from his many public meetings throughout the length and breadth of the land there must be thousands who still remember the conviction they derived from his clear intellect.

Mrs. Janet Duncan Calder who was residing with her son and his family in Dumbarton was overcome with sudden illness which required care in hospital, where (in Glasgow) she died on March 29. Sister of John Paul, the late editor of *LAND & LIBERTY*, she, like her brother, was devoted to the Henry George movement ever since her youngest years. Her home was in Annan, Dumfriesshire, and among that vigorous group of Single Taxers to which her husband belonged, mostly connected with the Boiler Works there and whose leading spirit was the late Harry Llewellyn Davies. She had been widowed a number of years and she shared her life sometimes with her daughters Peggy (Mrs. Arnold Schwarz) and Janet in London and sometimes with her sons in Scotland, William in Dumbarton, and Neil in Annan, where she was laid to rest. Among the bereaved is also Mrs. John Paul, who often had her companionship in her home at Kilcreggan. To all who thus miss a very dear lady we convey our sincerest sympathies.

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