

day morning, September 23. It is planned to devote the first day's session largely to the activities of the Henry George School of Social Science and the Henry George Fellowship, and those active in the School and the Fellowship are working with the convention committee with a view to having a very large representation of the younger element, not only from New York but from various other cities and towns where Extension Classes have been conducted with marked success.

Invitations will go out through the mail to the thousands of active Single Taxers giving further details concerning the programme and other arrangements, and all who plan to participate are urged to make early reservations and cooperate toward making this year's convention one of the best ever held.

The Hotel New Yorker is the place selected for the Conference.

An Appeal to Single Taxers for Action

FROM THE LAND LEAGUE

IT is proposed that we make a determined effort, through petitions to legislators, to vote for taxation of land values, and an intelligent, persistent, and widely supported follow-up of legislators.

The means to accomplish this would consist in a membership large enough to merit the attention of legislators. One legislator would then be requested to introduce a measure, and all legislators would be urgently requested by the full membership, to support such a measure. The League would follow up the voting, and the members would use this information as a guide in the next election.

It is hoped that a nucleus of such an organization can be had among those already converted to Single Tax. This is an appeal to them to register with the League, and to sign and mail application for membership. There are no dues and no obligations beyond the promise of political cooperation. There will be no affiliation with any political party.

Please address the Association as follows:

American Association for Scientific Taxation,
11 Park Place, N. Y., N. Y.

No card will be filed except with the individual envelope in which it was mailed to the League's office. This will certify to the genuineness of the list, and make for effectiveness.

It is hoped that some effective work can be accomplished with an initial membership of present Single Taxers, but it is our purpose to make a drive to enroll the unemployed, the underpaid, the tax victim, and every other citizen who can be made to see that he is a victim of the dumped labor and enforced idleness of land monopoly. It may be possible to do this over the radio, and by any other means the members can suggest. It is felt that a most effective means for enrolling the general public will be the advertising and agitation resulting from the introduction and follow-up of bills in each legislature. There is probably no better inducement to membership in a society than the sight of action, and the opening provided to the individual to take part in action.

Yours for action

COMMITTEE OF THE LAND LEAGUE.

WHEN a government costs thirteen billions a year to maintain and won't even prevent a depression what do we get for our money?

Commencement Dinner of The Henry George School

AN event of great interest to Single Taxers in New York was the Third Commencement Dinner of the Henry George School of Social Science, which was held on Thursday, June 13, at the Town Hall. One hundred and fifteen certificates were issued by the School to those who had completed the course. A large gathering met to welcome the graduates into the Henry George Fellowship, and to hear brief addresses from both old and new friends of the Single Tax. It was a great pleasure to have as guests of honor Mrs. Nina C. Geiger, Dr. George R. Geiger, and his young wife.

Mr. Harry C. Weinberger acted as toastmaster. The first speaker was Mr. Raymond V. McNally, who said that the Henry George School teaches the doctrine of real freedom, not the freedom of the Liberty League. Mr. Harold S. Buttenheim, editor of *The American City*, who has been actively interested in the subject of slum clearance, said that the housing problem will never be solved until the land problem is. "Commodore" Walter Fairchild of the Mahwah River Yacht Club, issued a hearty invitation to all to attend the annual outing there on June 29. Miss Charlotte Schetter spoke briefly, and Miss Helen D. Denbigh reported that the work of the School is now being carried on in classes throughout fourteen States. Dr. George R. Geiger asked to be excused from making a long address, explaining that he was on both a vacation and his honeymoon. He spoke, however, on the need for a popular approach to economics from a new angle; the necessity of getting away from clichés of capitalism, money, etc., and back to the really vital issue, the land question. The majority interpret this literally and narrowly, consider the land question to have reference merely to agriculture, rural communities, the farm, and dismiss the idea glibly as old-fashioned and outmoded. The Henry George School, he said, teaches the true significance of the land question, which, as we know, has a direct and inescapable relation to and influence upon every economic activity of man. His next book, Dr. Geiger said, would probably deal with this topic.

Mr. O. K. Dorn introduced the graduates. First to speak was Miss Sally Kurz. She expressed the regret of all present at the illness of Director Norman C. B. Fowles, which prevented his attending the dinner. She paid tribute to the inspiration and enlightenment his pupils had received from him. The graduates gave a rising vote of thanks for his leadership, and requested that he reconsider his decision to resign as director. Dr. Osias L. Friedman, after voicing his appreciation of the course, remarked that the meeting was too silent. People with a great idea like ours should be seething with the

will to "do something." Miss Pauline Friptu, of Free Acres, N. J., the Single Tax colony founded by Mr. Bolton Hall, said that she became interested in the idea from seeing its practical working out, and finally decided to find out the theory. Mr. Valerian Belinski said that nowhere is there such cohesion between the economic and the moral side of life as is to be found in the teaching of Henry George. Mr. Heman L. Chase recommended that we follow the lead of modern educational practice, and teach people rather than a subject; that we study the individuals to be taught the Single Tax, and start from what they know, making use of the steps in the learning process. We should avoid arguing, but, instead, rise to the dignity of the subject.

During the term a group of young people became so much inspired by the truth of Henry George's teaching that they determined to make themselves more articulate in order better to promulgate it. Under the guidance of Mr. Frank Morgan they pursued a course in public speaking simultaneously with their other studies, and several of their number showed to what good effect their energies had been directed. Among the other speakers were Mr. William Preston, Miss Amelia Romaka, Mr. John B. Maran, Mr. Lancaster Greene, Mr. Walter Gainey, Miss Hilda G. Pollock, Miss Sonia Skutzka, Miss Blanch U. Davis, and Mr. Arthur Vetterman. Mrs. Adeleine Muhlenberg paid glowing tribute to the inspiring teaching of Mr. John Luxton, who conducts classes in Brooklyn. She referred to him as truly a master. Other instructors who received encomiums from their appreciative pupils were Mr. Dorn, Mr. Bell, Mr. Fairchild, Mr. Recker, and Mr. Smith.

The sincerity and enthusiasm of the majority of the people who take the course, and the firmness of their grounding in fundamental economics and in the social philosophy of Henry George, are very encouraging to those interested in the Henry George School. These things, together with a steady increase in the number of pupils each term, bear out the hopes and expectations of the beloved founder, Oscar H. Geiger. Truly it seems that his spirit still guides and strengthens this institution, which promises to rekindle and to spread anew those fires of truth which yet may light the dark places of the world.—MARGARET F. BINGHAM.

School Outing

SATURDAY, June 29, was sultry and hot. People in the city were wiping the beads from their foreheads while collars wilted, but the crowd that gathered at the New York end of the George Washington Bridge was cheerful and gay for they were leaving the city and its hubub for a refreshing ride over the great bridge to Jersey and then up to Suffern, New York, to the home of Walter Fairchild on the banks of the Mahwah River. Not enough privately owned cars were volunteered to carry all that came, so a mammoth bus was chartered that all might ride in comfort; then through that beauti-

ful country-side to the home of our host, nestled in the valley at the foot of the Ramapo Mountains.

STUDENTS OUTNUMBER OLD-TIMERS

The crowd upon arrival seemed so different from the more or less formal one that had left the city. The spirit of youth prevailed and democracy was the order of the day. Shorts, sailor garbs and swim suits took the place of chiffons and flannels. Handball, tennis, canoeing, etc., followed. Lunch was served under a canvass, and "if the proof of the pudding is the eating thereof," then Bob Clancy, Chairman of the Commissary Department, certainly deserves our gratitude for there was nothing left excepting our memory of what we had seen on the table when the dinner bell was first sounded.

SPEECHES!—of course we had speeches,—no Georgist meeting complete without them, but the chairman assured us they would be short and snappy. So we gathered on the lawn and were cooled by soft breezes that were pushing dark storm clouds in our direction at an appalling rate. But fate was kind. The breezes cooled while the dark clouds not only shielded us from the hot sun but also served as a warning to the speakers to make it lively.

Our genial host, Walter Fairchild, greeted the crowd in his usual jovial manner and then presented Mr. Dorn, the chairman who spoke on the opportunities and the work of the Alumni. He then presented several members of the Student-Alumni the first of which was Mr. Charles Erwood who has done such excellent work as Chairman of the Library Committee, who spoke on books for the library. Mr. Norman Fowles, Jr., read an interesting paper by his associate Daniel Alberga, on the graded tax plan, and incidentally mentioned that Mr. Alberga is writing a series of four articles in one of the Brooklyn newspapers on this subject. Miss Denbigh, President of the Student-Alumni Council, spoke most encouragingly on the prospects of the fall term. Her message was inspiring as usual.

Several other friends of the movement spoke, including Mr. Louis Kerwin, who came all the way from Philadelphia to attend the Outing, but the real surprise was occasioned by the appearance of John Lawrence Monroe, Field Director of the School, who reported the progress of the Extension Classes that are being formed and conducted in all parts of the country.

One of the speakers was mystified by the sudden laughter of the audience, until he turned toward the water to see what it was all about. It was this way. Mr. Don Megna and his friend had been quietly cruising near the shore in a canoe which was suddenly capsized. Don and his friend came to the surface O.K., with their clothes clinging tightly to their figures and were safely brought ashore. No casualties reported, and a good laugh was had by all.

Mr. Fowles Retires as Director of the Henry George School

LABORING under the same strenuous load that took his predecessor, the late Oscar H. Geiger, the founder and first director of the Henry George School of Social Science, Mr. Norman C. B. Fowles, also broken in health, has asked to be relieved of the responsibility of the directorship at the close of the Spring semester.

Mr. Fowles is an exceptional teacher. He is especially well informed in economics, also specializing in philosophy, psychology and other subjects. It is sincerely hoped that his recovery will be speedy and permanent. His successor has not yet been found.

Friends of the movement everywhere point with pride to the success of the School and the increase in the number of Extension Classes that have been organized and conducted in all parts of the country. However, the preponderance of the burden of this responsibility has fallen heavily—too heavily—upon the director. In order to enable the incoming director to devote his efforts exclusively to educational matters and to conserve his energies for the more important work