

may never meet the man who loses because I gain through some form of privilege; he may not be a member of my church or my golf club, may not even reside in the same city, but he is *somewhere*, perhaps on a windswept prairie farm, clinging with desperation to a false hope that some day things will turn his way. He may reside in city slums, carrying daily with him a dead heart, because hope had died; but *he is somewhere*. It is the law of God and nature that if the producers' hands are empty it is because through wicked and stupid laws, some of us are able to gather where others have sown."

After reading these significant extracts from Mr. Brown can any one doubt that he is bringing the message of Henry George to audiences who are more and more attracted to the doctrines and to the unique personality which makes him so effective a teacher. As a matter of fact no one who has listened to him really doubts it.

## Henry George Foundation Announces Expansion Programme

PRESIDENT GEORGE E. EVANS of the Henry George Foundation announces a programme of expanded activities under the auspices of that organization and has issued a call to the Single Taxers of America to rally for united action against poverty and unemployment, stressing the fact that the present world-wide industrial depression constitutes a real challenge to Georgists, affording at the same time an unusual opportunity to advance the cause while the public is receptive to economic proposals.

Report is made of the consummation of plans for the consolidation of the Henry George Lecture Association with the Foundation. The Lecture Association has had an active life as an effective national organization for more than twenty-five years, having been founded in 1903 by the late Frederick H. Monroe, of Chicago, and since his death in 1929 has been under the management of his son, John Lawrence Monroe, who has completed a nation-wide tour since assuming responsibility for the work. Two national headquarters will be maintained, with John Lawrence Monroe serving as Associate Secretary of the Foundation and Director of its Lecture Department, the scope of which will be considerably enlarged.

The lecture staff as announced at this time consists of Hon. George H. Duncan, of New Hampshire, Attorney William N. McNair of Pittsburgh (recently Director of the Ingram Institute), Prof. Harry Gunnison Brown of the University of Missouri, Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow of Cincinnati, and Executive Secretary Percy R. Williams of Pittsburgh. During the past year, McNair, Williams and Brown have made extended tours through the West

and Middle West and parts of the East. A tour is now being arranged for McNair for the months of September and October through New England, New York and other eastern states. During the summer McNair has been conducting a series of very successful and well attended meetings in the Pittsburgh district and has also given a series of lectures on Economic Rent at Ashland College in Michigan.

A number of regional conferences are planned for the larger centers for the purpose of bringing Single Taxers together and encouraging activity and local organization. The first of these will probably be held this fall in Boston, New York and Philadelphia, either immediately preceding or following the Baltimore convention.

## Distinguished Speakers to Address Baltimore Congress

HON. DAVID J. LEWIS, member of Congress from the Cumberland, Maryland, District and former Tariff Commissioner under the Wilson administration, will be one of the distinguished orators on the programme of the Henry George Congress meeting in Baltimore, October 12th—14th. Congressman Lewis is recognized as an expert on the tariff and has also for many years been identified with the Single Tax movement. He had served in Congress before his appointment on the Tariff Commission and at one time was the nominee of the Democratic Party for United States Senator. Last fall he was again chosen by a substantial majority to represent his district in the House of Representatives.

There is also a strong possibility that other members of the House and Senate will be on the programme at Baltimore as both Senator Clarence C. Dill of Washington and Congressman Robert Crosser of Cleveland have indicated their purpose to be present if possible.

Hon. Albert C. Ritchie, Maryland's distinguished Governor, who is prominently mentioned as a Presidential possibility, will extend his official greetings to the Henry George Congress. The Convention Committee is still in the early stages of programme-making but Chairman Charles G. Baldwin and his associates are soliciting other distinguished persons and among speakers of prominence who have already been definitely scheduled are: Hon. George H. Duncan, of the New Hampshire Legislature; Judson King, Secretary of the National Popular Government League; Benjamin C. Marsh, Secretary of the People's Lobby; Bolton Hall, Frank Stephens, Will Atkinson, Wm. N. McNair, Clayton J. Ewing, Jos. B. Chamberlain, Jas. F. Morton, Dr. Mark Millikin, Hon. Edward Polak, Mrs. Alice Thacher Post, Ernest B. Gaston, Hugh Reid, Robert C. Macauley, Harry W. Olney and Fiske Warren. The officers of the Foundation including George E. Evans, President; Joseph Dana Miller, Vice President; Mrs. Anna George

de Mille, Honorary Vice President; Percy R. Williams, Executive Secretary; John Lawrence Monroe, Associate Secretary; and Francis W. Maguire, Assistant Secretary; are all expected to be active participants in the convention proceedings and one or more sessions will be devoted to important official business having to do with policies, plans and activities of the Henry George Foundation.

The members of the Baltimore Convention Committee include the following: Charles G. Baldwin, Chairman; John Salmon, Vice Chairman; Will Atkinson, H. J. Bailey, L. D. Beckwith, Andrew P. Canning, Alfred N. Chandler, Samuel Danziger, Charles R. Eckert, James B. Ellery, Clayton J. Ewing, Henry S. Ford, Allan Farquhar, Robert J. Boyd, J. C. Fuller, Ernest B. Gaston, Charles H. Ingersoll, Erwin Kauffman, Mrs. Rosa Kiefer, G. Frank Kelly, Fenton Lawson, J. C. Lincoln, Morton G. Loyd, Joseph Dana Miller, John B. McGauran, Dr. Mark Millikin, Charles F. Nesbit, Hon. Wm. J. Ogden, Harry W. Olney, Charles J. Ogle, Chester C. Platt, Miss Charlotte O. Schetter, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Wm. H. Sikes, Frank T. Stirlith, Walter G. Stewart, George M. Strachan, Harold Sudell, Mrs. Lucy Swanton, Henry B. Tawresey, and August Williges.

The officers and members of the Maryland Tax Reform Association, a body which has been active for many years in behalf of land value taxation and has some achievements to its credit, are working hard for the success of the convention and are preparing to entertain good-sized delegations from the various sections, particularly the larger eastern cities within easy access of Baltimore. They will appreciate hearing early from all who plan to attend in order that hotel reservations and other details may be arranged. Communications should be addressed to the Foundation headquarters, Berger Building, Pittsburgh.

## Tax Progress in Pittsburgh

A FURTHER step for Pittsburgh in the right direction has been secured through the enactment of a law at the present session of the Pennsylvania Legislature abolishing the county tax upon occupations and substituting therefor a nominal and uniform poll tax of only 50 cents. Through this measure sponsored by State Senator James J. Coyne, there has been stricken from the tax rolls of Allegheny County an assessed valuation of \$140,000,000. It is estimated that the actual "loss" in revenue is about \$400,000 per annum, representing more than one-fourth of a mill in the tax levy.

This action forecasts the complete elimination of the poll tax which has long been required by the constitution of Pennsylvania. The nominal tax of 50 cents is retained pending the amendment of the constitution because that instrument now permits only direct tax-

payers to vote. However, the Legislature has at the same time passed a resolution submitting a constitutional amendment to the voters providing for the elimination of the provision which makes the possession of a tax receipt a requisite for the exercise of the franchise. But since this question cannot be submitted before 1933, the Coyne bill was passed to afford an immediate remedy.

## PITTSBURGH CONSIDERING PROPORTIONAL REPRESENTATION

During recent months there has developed a strong movement on behalf of a new city charter for Pittsburgh which would bring that city to an advanced position in its political administration as well as with respect to achievements in tax reform. The proposed changes in the charter would embody the election of the City Council by proportional representation and give the Council authority to choose a City Manager. A bill giving cities of the second and third classes the right to adopt such a plan of government was unanimously endorsed by the Henry George Club of Pittsburgh, the Taxpayers' League and several of the most prominent organizations in the city.

While, of course, unpopular with the political machine the movement is making rapid headway and is being more vigorously advocated by all three of the daily newspapers. Fortunately, proportional representation is now recognized as the most important feature of the proposed municipal plan and if finally adopted, is likely to lead to the election of one or more active Single Taxers to the City Council of nine, as has happened in other cities employing this method so favorable to fair minority representation.

## "The Philosophy of Henry George"

COPIES of the remarkable thesis of George Raymond Geiger, son of our treasurer Oscar H. Geiger, were mailed to a number of those to whom it was thought the book would appeal.

It will be of interest to our readers to note the character of the reception given to the book, and a few of the letters of commendation follow:

Mrs. Alice Thacher Post: "I can readily see that the author has made a very exhaustive study of the subject and a man is fortunate who takes for his thesis a subject which is so rewarding."

Hon. Edward Polak: "I hope to receive much benefit and enjoyment from the work. To you must be given credit for having raised a fine son who is such a devoted and intelligent exponent of our philosophy."

James F. Morton: "Even a cursory examination shows that George's thesis is an extraordinarily able and thorough presentation. And to put it over at Columbia of all universities! I am mighty glad to have it on hand for permanent