

## Henry George School of Social Science

THE Henry George School of Social Science, under the directorship of Oscar H. Geiger, is now in operation, with promise of the most favorable, widespread, inspiring and happy results.

Two open forums under its auspices have been held at the Youth House, 321 West 103d Street, New York City, on Feb. 29 and March 7. At the first, Whidden Graham spoke on "The Newspapers;" at the second, Mr. Geiger spoke on "What Is Wrong With the World; Can We Do Anything About It?"

Classes in social science and the philosophy of Henry George are now being organized both at the Youth House and on the lower east side of the city near the Henry Street Settlement. The latter is a spontaneous outgrowth of two of Mr. Geiger's lectures at the Young Israel Synagogue, 229 East Broadway. Many of the young folks who heard these lectures (mainly college and high school students, and some older than college and high school age) expressed their interest in the subject and a desire to learn it thoroughly and to be able to teach it to others. The interest and enthusiasm displayed was so great that Mr. Geiger consented to start classes for these students in their own section of the city.

Mr. Geiger plans that at all his classes a small fee shall be charged (25 cents a lesson), but that in return for this fee, when four classes have been attended, the student be given, first a copy of "Progress and Poverty," then after the next four classes, a copy of "Protection or Free Trade," and so on until all the essential books have been read and discussed. As the books will represent in value about the same amount as Mr. Geiger will receive in fees, we asked him what he expects to have left to run his "school." His answer was characteristic: "If the work I am doing is the work that should be done, if it is God's work as I believe it is, support for the school will come somehow from somewhere."

We believe such faith will not remain unrewarded. We are confident that followers of Henry George everywhere, who know of the work Mr. Geiger is doing and the greater work he plans to do, and who see the gospel (for that is how Mr. Geiger delivers the message) of Henry George brought to the minds and hearts of young and old so that it cannot be misunderstood, and so that it is bound to make not only converts and new followers but NEW LEADERS, will not permit such work to remain unsupported.

Mr. Geiger's lecture work, in addition to his "school" work, is going on. Under the auspices of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation and the Manhattan Single Tax Club, as well as under the auspices of the "school," he has, since our last report, spoken to the Students' Forum of Temple Emanu-El, Fifth Avenue, New York City (350 present);

the Round Table Club, at the Lawrence Boarding and Day School, Lawrence, L. I.; Montefiore Hebrew Congregation, Bronx, New York City (200 present); Young Israel Synagogue, New York City (250 present); Women's Civic Club, Roselle, N. J. (forty present); the Maccabean Junior College and School for Girls, Tarrytown-on-Hudson, N. Y. (fifty present); Unitarian Men's Club at the Unitarian Church, Hollis, L. I., and twice at the Young Men's Christian Association, 23d Street, New York City (100 present each time). Mr. Geiger also had the honor of speaking to a most interesting and cultured group of young folks between the ages of twenty-five and thirty-five, almost all college graduates, who had been under the cultural and economic guidance of Anna George de Mille, the daughter of our sainted leader.

The topics that Mr. Geiger has taken for these talks have been "The Philosophy of Henry George;" "What Is Wrong With the World?" "The Single Tax;" "The Way Out of Our Economic Difficulty;" "Taxation, What It Is and How It Should Be Applied;" "The People of the World and Taxation" (by request); "The Depression: Its Cause and Cure;" "If Justice, Why Charity?" "Civilization, Can It Be Saved?"

Preparations are now being made to extend the lecture work of the school to outlying districts. Indeed, he visited the time when lecture work of the highest order will be conducted everywhere. He has secured the services of Miss Grace Isabel Colbron to lecture in the State of Connecticut, and we are glad to applaud the choice and congratulate the school on such an acquisition.

In the lecture field, Mr. Geiger has been assured of the assistance of Bolton Hall, Benjamin W. Burger and Jan F. Morton. Single Taxers who know these men will know the high quality of work the "school" is aiming to maintain. Morris Van Veen, who is a lecturer himself, and who has already rendered valuable assistance, can, of course, be depended on to give whatever help he can.

Excerpts from letters of acceptance to membership in the Advisory Committee of the Henry George School of Social Science are here presented:

MRS. WILLIAM DONALDSON: Your letter of Feb. 2 brought good news such as seldom comes into these hills. I am overjoyed. We have needed such a school for years, and with Mr. Geiger at its head, all of us giving him our full support, the influence of the school should soon be felt.

ANNA GEORGE DE MILLE: The work is tremendously important, I should say—and I believe it is in the right hands—in your hands. You may know how my wishes go with you.

DR. S. SOLIS COHEN: It will give me great pleasure to have my name associated with yours and my other friends signed to the circular letter of the Henry George School of Social Science.

JANET S. BROWNLEE: I very much approve of this undertaking.

The time is ripe for advance work. I also approve of Mr. Geiger as director.

E. H. BOECK: Few others are so well qualified as teachers of social science. I will do what I can to make the school a light in our economic darkness.

AUGUST WILLIGES: I acknowledge your eminent fitness for the task you have undertaken, and you have my sincerest moral support.

STOUGHTON COOLEY: I fully approve of Henry George School of Social Science, with Oscar H. Geiger as director and manager. Please offer to Mr. Geiger every good wish in the venture.

HENRY WARE ALLEN: It will give me great pleasure to have my name used as one of the Advisory Committee of your organization, and when called upon I will render every possible assistance.

LEWIS H. CLARK: I want to do anything I can for the cause. I wish I had more time and means to give to it.

MRS. ROSWELL SKEEL, JR.: The school arouses great hopes and at the same time anxious questions in my mind. But since you are willing to lend your great talents as a demonstrator and clarifier, doubts should not come to mind. I am delighted to hear you are already establishing classes.

FATHER THOMAS DAWSON: I heartily wish success to the good work which I see you are undertaking.

MARY WARE DENNETT: I am heartily glad to join the Advisory Committee.

M. J. WAY: Splendid.

DR. T. E. BULLARD: Every effort to spread the gospel of economic truth is worth while. If Mr. Geiger should ever be in this vicinity I hope I may be informed. I will try to get an audience for him.

WARREN S. BLAUVELT: I am glad to note that Mr. Geiger is to devote his time to teaching the philosophy of Henry George.

PROF. F. W. ROMAN: I note that you are heading the new school of Social Science. I shall be glad to give any co-operation I may to your new enterprise.

ELMA DAME: I am very happy to allow the use of my name as one of the Advisory Committee on the stationery of the school.

DR. F. MASON PADEFORD: A real school, I feel quite sure, might accomplish a good deal. I hope the time is ripe for such an effort.

DR. W. E. MACKLIN: I like to see this work getting started.

EDWARD WHITE: I wish to thank you for the honor of requesting my name as one of an Advisory Committee for the proposed school. It has long seemed to me that a school of social science teaching the philosophy of Henry George would be highly desirable.

T. R. TEMPLE: Do hope your efforts will meet with success.

DR. T. J. KELLEY: I am answering in the affirmative your request for my name as one of an Advisory Committee on the stationery and literature of the Henry George School of Social Science.

CHARLES G. MERRELL: I am very much impressed with the programme, so much so that it has my hearty approval.

FRANK W. GARRISON: I trust you will accept my good wishes.

JAMES F. MORTON: I appreciate your fine letter, and shall be pleased to co-operate with you. It is fine to know you are being enabled to take hold of the work in so vital a way.

GUNNAR NAUMANN: Best wishes for the success of your good work.

DR. MORRIS LYCHENHEIM: Your letter of invitation received. I gladly sign note in willingness to act on Advisory Committee.

ERWIN KAUFFMANN: It gives me real pleasure to enclose the blank with my signature. In the next few months I hope to contribute to this work. The general outline of your plans appeals to me as having greater possibilities than any of the work going on heretofore.

WILL ATKINSON: Your plan seems to me excellent and sure to be

of great value. With world leaders milling around in circles, with no definite ideas as to the cause of world troubles, men, women and children starving, we, who do know both cause and the only remedy, face a grave responsibility if we fail to use every effort to make the world realize the only road to our economic salvation was that pointed out by Henry George.

FRANK STEPHENS: I heartily welcome this new adventure, and congratulate the newly organized school that it has secured your services. So far as my knowledge of the workers for our cause goes they could not have done better.

WILLIAM LLOYD GARRISON: I wish the new undertaking every success and regard the theory of a patient educational approach as the soundest mode of spreading the Georgian gospel. It becomes increasingly clear that unless George's ideas are translated into practice we may expect to see a periodic and progressive social breakdown at the end of each twenty-year cycle or thereabouts. As a matter of fact, it may be a bit optimistic to dare to look ahead as far as that, as the partition between us and the devil seems to be comparatively slender at the present moment. The new century is certainly staging a tremendous spectacle, dark with tragedy and replete with portent for humanity. It echoes with louder tones the troubled voices of '73 and '84 and '93, recalling the days of old struggles and the hopes and challenges of the apostles of individual freedom.

MARK M. DINTENFASS: I believe this new organization is very much needed and will do a great deal of good by further spreading our gospel, and with our friend Oscar Geiger at the head it is perfect.

Z. K. GREENE: I am very glad to lend my name for so worthy a cause and will do all I possibly can to help shed the light the world sadly needs. With so much false teaching and economic blundering, from the very head of our government down to the town constable, it is extremely galling to any true disciple of Henry George to sit idly by while fiddlers fiddle and the populace starve in the midst of plenty. The time is ripe for a most glorious campaign to establish the truth—the truth that will make us free.

THOMAS N. ASHTON: It is a pleasure to learn that you contemplate a real school of science on the George principle. I trust your association will eventually embrace a chartered school empowered to grant degrees to its graduates, to the end that some real bachelors of economics may be established in the academic field in competition with our present-day pseudo professors of political economy.

GILBERT M. TUCKER, JR.: Glad to have my name used, but hope the school will stick to Single Tax and not engage in teaching miscellaneous radicalism. Much interested and glad to co-operate.

JOHN B. MCGAURAN: I shall be glad to co-operate with you.

H. B. MAURER: Best wishes for the success of your new enterprise.

FRANKLIN H. WENTWORTH: You have my very best wishes for the success of this work.

MISS JOAN CHAFFE: With every wish for success.

GEORGE L. RUSBY: I wish the new enterprise every success.

WILLIAM H. FAULHABER: I hope for much success to you and your associates in this noble work.

CHARLES HECHT: I believe the movement is a good one. Now is the opportune time to demonstrate to an overburdened people the difference between an unjust and a just tax.

HARRY WEINBERGER: Good luck to you.

PROF. R. B. BRINSMADE: I take great pleasure in accepting my appointment as member of Advisory Committee of the Henry George School of Social Science, which I deem a splendid idea and very timely at this epoch.

A. BOURGEOIS: Best wishes.

DE WITT CLINTON: This should be considered an honor by any Single Taxer.



R. C. BARNUM: Good work!

EDMUND VANCE COOKE: I am willing and proud to have my name appear as one of an Advisory Committee on the stationery and literature of the Henry George School of Social Science.

DR. WALTER MENDELSON: I feel great sympathy with this enterprise.

HENRY H. HARDINGE: This is a good move; things are looking up.

HAROLD SUDELL: I know no better man than Geiger for the work.

GRACE ISABEL COLBRON: Your request honors me.

ANDREW P. CANNING: Best wishes for the success of the venture.

VERNON J. ROSE: I heartily endorse the plan.

FREDERIC C. HOWE: It's a grand idea. Some day I should like to be on the faculty.

JOHN J. EGAN: I heartily approve of a school for "the whole truth" and am pleased to hear of your securing such a worthy exponent of the cause as Oscar H. Geiger.

BERTHA SELLERS: I am glad of your proposed work and hope it will succeed.

STEVEN T. BYINGTON: I approve the plan.

MORRIS VAN VEEN: The Advisory Committee of the Henry George School of Social Science is destined to become the honor roll of the Henry George movement.

The names of those who have kindly accepted membership on the Advisory Committee of the school are here listed:

Prof. C. A. Adams, Henry Ware Allen, John H. Allen, Will Atkinson, Charles G. Baldwin, R. C. Barnum, Loring D. Beckwith, Harold Benedict, Poultney Bigelow, E. H. Boeck, A. Bourgeois, Dr. Morris M. Brill, Prof. R. B. Brinsmade, Herbert Janvrin Brown, Miss Janet L. Brownlee, Dr. Thomas E. Bullard, Edmund J. Burke, Benjamin W. Burger, Andrew P. Canning, Miss Joan Chaffe, Alfred N. Chandler, Lewis H. Clark, De Witt Clinton, Dr. S. Solis Cohen, Grace Isabel Colbron, Edmund Vance Cooke, Stoughton Cooley, Otto Cullman, Josiah Dudley, Miss Elma Dame, Anna George de Mille, Mary Ware Dennett, Prof. John Dewey, Dr. Alex Diack, Prof. James Hardy Dillard, Mark M. Dintenfass, Mrs. William D. Donaldson, E. W. Doty, E. Paul du Pont, Oliver T. Erickson, George E. Evans, William H. Faulhaber, Dr. Edward Ferguson, Emma Webster Fischer, Francis G. Goodale, Zophar K. Greene, Bolton Hall, Henry Hardinge, Charles Hecht, Henry W. Hetzel, Ami Mali Hicks, Frederic W. Hinrichs, Byron W. Holt, Frederic C. Howe, A. H. Jenkins, Erwin Kauffmann, Dr. T. J. Kelley, Prof. Joseph M. Klamon, Dr. Charles J. Lavery, Frederic C. Leubuscher, J. C. Lincoln, C. Loehmann, John Luxton, Dr. Morris Lychenheim, Dr. W. E. Macklin, H. B. Maurer, Max J. May, John B. McGauran, James H. McGill, John Emery McLean, Dr. Walter Mendelson, Charles G. Mcrrell, Major Fred J. Miller, Joseph Dana Miller, Thco. H. Miller, Dr. Mark Millikin, James F. Morton, Gunnar Naumann, Harvey H. Newcomb, John R. Nichols, George C. Olcott, Charles J. Ogle, Dr. F. Mason Padelford, Dr. A. W. Plummer, Edward Polak, Alice Thacher Post, Charles S. Prizer, Jackson H. Ralston, George L. Record, Charles B. Rogers, Dr. Frederick W. Roman, Vernon J. Rose, Edwin S. Ross, George L. Rusby, William Ryan, John H. Scully, Mrs. Roswell Skeel, Jr., Bolton Smith, Western Starr, E. Vail Stebbins, Frank Stephens, Harold Sudell, Thompson R. Temple, Gilbert M. Tucker, Jr., Abe D. Waldauer, Fred S. Wallace, Harry Weinberger, Franklin Wentworth, George White, Rev. Dr. Frank S. C. Wicks, August Williges, Harry H. Willock, Hon. Peter Witt, Morris Van Veen.

Letters commendatory of Mr. Geiger's work received since our last publication:

*From Anna George de Mille:* This is just to say thank you on paper for your goodness in coming to talk to my young people on Thurs-

day last. I have been made quite happy by the reaction from those who were here. I believe the seed is beginning to sprout. Gott sei dank!

*From Prof. Arthur D. Rees:* I want to thank you and congratulate you in regard to your splendid presentation of the Single Tax salvation at our Monday Night Forum this week. In these days we are looking for light; and your logical and forceful address undoubtedly helped to clarify the minds of your hearers on the vital problem of unearned income and taxation. We want you to come again.

*From Mark M. Dintenfass:* It is with great satisfaction that I notice you were chosen as the head of the newly founded Henry George School of Social Science. Personally I feel that the cause of this newly founded institution is very fortunate to have a teacher, philosopher and orator like you at its head. You have so capably taught your son, I have every reason to believe you will be able to teach the sons of other men.

*From Fred S. Wallace, Editor of the Coshocton Tribune:* Never since reading "Progress and Poverty," twenty years ago, have I been so impressed, so profoundly impressed, by any treatise as I was by your son's doctor of philosophy thesis, "The Philosophy of Henry George." In the realm of thought it appears to me as being a colossal, a tremendous thing, and I have never ceased to marvel how so immature a mind could produce a work so imposing as that.

*From Miss C. E. Mason, President of the Mason Junior College and School for Girls, Tarrytown, N. Y.:* Thank you so much for sending Mr. Geiger to us. We are deeply grateful to him for coming. We greatly appreciate your kindness and co-operation in sending such a fine speaker.

*From Morris Van Veen on the formal opening of the Open Forum of the Henry George School of Social Science:* The night was bitter cold, but I went. I would have regretted all my life, after hearing what I did, to have absented myself. This master in a wonderful way told our story so simply, comparing past and present civilizations; showing their disintegrations because of land monopoly; drew vivid pictures of conditions, and told the simple remedy that could restore to the people their birthright—namely, taking the rent of land, the fund that society produces as an entity. Here we have a teacher who has the ability, the learning, the culture, the background, the power and the logic, truly, sincerely, convincingly to tell the story.

The establishment of the Henry George School of Social Science offers wide possibilities. At the congress in Baltimore Dr. Mark Millikin, of Hamilton, O., who is one of the sponsors for the new movement, suggested the foundation of a Henry George University. Here is the beginning that may eventuate in the establishment of such a university. If the agencies under the direction of the school can be organized for effective co-operation in a nationwide movement we seem at last to have entered upon a real educational programme.

In the confused babel of opinion that prevails, a center of authoritative information and enlightenment may be visualized that will grow to be of tremendous influence and power. Addressing himself more particularly to the young, Mr. Geiger as director, with those who have volunteered their co-operation as teachers, will do invaluable work in the years that stretch before us.

Mr. Geiger has enlisted for the war, and our readers will wish him Godspeed. Equipped as he is with a wide knowledge of the books and the various schools of economic teaching; familiar from a long platform experience with different kinds of audiences; able to meet the difficulties that occur to the inquiring mind, he is essentially a teacher. The school is fortunate in securing Mr. Geiger as director.



and the movement that promises so well will be watched with keen anticipation and real hope.

In reference to the distinguished group of sponsors, we take our theme from the acceptance letter of Morris Van Veen, in which he says that these will constitute an honor roll on which those concerned will be proud to have a place.

## Schalkenbach Foundation Busy

RECENTLY the editor of the *St. Louis Post Dispatch* asked the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation for an article on the Single Tax and its relation to the current depression. Mr. Byron W. Holt, treasurer of the Foundation, wrote "The Single Tax vs. Depression; How and Why Land Value Taxation Would Prevent Business Depressions." The article was sent to the editor, placed in a large box on the editorial page of the issue of Feb. 27, and a letter has been received from the editor thanking Mr. Holt for his good work. A letter from Mr. Boeck, of St. Louis, tells us the article has given the people in St. Louis new hope and courage. The Foundation intends to reproduce this article and send it to other editors.

*Commerce and Finance* of this city has reprinted, by arrangement with the Foundation, the complete text of Henry George's "Causes of Business Depression" in its Jan. 27 issue. Since then there has been lively discussion in its columns by those who did not entirely approve the Georgeist viewpoint; but the latest full-page article by Roy R. Waterbury, of Washington, D. C., supplies a "last word" in effective statement of the Single Tax. The title is "George Points a Way Out."

Elsewhere in LAND AND FREEDOM is a reprint of an editorial of the *Dayton Daily News* for Feb. 26. Friends in Dayton have been supplying the editor with material about Henry George, and Mr. Kirkendahl, in writing short, to-the-point letters to the People's Column about Henry George and his books, has no doubt helped in cultivating a favorable attitude in the editorial mind.

(Mr. Kirkendahl gives us some information regarding Mr. Locke, the writer of the editorial in the *Dayton Daily News* which appears on another page. He was editor of a Western paper until James M. Cox paid him more money to come East. He was for a number of years interested in the Chicago branch of the Henry George movement. He has the courage of his convictions and cannot be swerved from his course. He believes that with the destruction of our autocratic capitalistic system perhaps socialism may precede the Single Tax.)

The lectures given by Mr. Geiger in the metropolitan district under the auspices of the Foundation for the past month are as follows: Speech before the Round Table Club at Lawrence, L. I. (Full reports of the speech were sent to the local newspapers, with an article about Henry George, and picture.) Address to 300 members of the Montifiore Congregation, Bronx; a return engagement at the

Young Israel Forum. Mr. Geiger will also speak before the Men's Club of the Unitarian Church at Hollis, L. I., at 9 p. m., March 21.

Through the co-operation of Mr. H. C. Harris, of Cordele, Ga., the leading educational and public libraries of Georgia have been supplied with needed Henry George books.

In a letter from the Argentine we find that the vice president of the First National Bank of Boston, Argentine Branch, received some of our circular literature. He aroused the interest of nine other bank employees and sent us an order for ten copies of "Progress and Poverty." He will continue his work of interesting other people in his community.

This leads us to state again that the policy of the Foundation is to expend a good part of its efforts in reaching new fields by advertising and by direct circular appeal. During February 8,800 circular letters have gone out, about half of which were sent to professors and high school teachers throughout the country. Many orders for books are due to the generous work that Single Taxers are doing in interesting people in the writings of Henry George; but over and above that we are obtaining many results from this circularizing of new groups. The office has sent out, since the first of January, 1932, 1,310 books, of which 613 are the unabridged "Progress and Poverty" and 418 "Significant Paragraphs," the balance being made up of the other titles on our list. More than 12,500 pamphlets, mostly "Causes of Business Depression," have also been sent out.

A new reprint of "The Single Tax; What It Is and Why We Urge It" has been added to the list of pamphlets available.

ANTOINETTE KAUFMANN, Secretary.

OUR readers get eight additional pages in this issue to accommodate the admirable papers published herein and the news of extensive lecture work.

We must ask delinquent subscribers to renew promptly. In these times every dollar counts. May we also impress upon our readers the need of securing additional subscribers to the magazine? Our subscription list ought to be doubled in 1932, and this can be accomplished if every one will work among his friends.

WHOEVER becomes imbued with a noble idea kindles a flame from which other torches are lit, and influences those with whom he comes in contact, be they few or many. How far that influence, thus perpetuated, may extend, it is not given to him here to see. But it may be that the Lord of the Vineyard will know.

—HENRY GEORGE.

IT is around the standard of duty rather than around the standards of self-interest that men must rally to win the rights of man. And herein may we see the deep philosophy of Him who bid men love their neighbors as themselves.—HENRY GEORGE.