

## Henry George School of Social Science

THINGS have happened and are now happening at the Henry George School of Social Science that bid fair to be the turning point in the Henry George movement which will carry it on to success and to the eventual realization of the fondest hopes of its followers.

The Students have taken hold! Filled with the zeal that only a thorough understanding of the economics and the philosophy of Henry George can give, and inspired by the self-sacrificing work of their teacher and guide, Oscar Geiger, they have formed themselves into a Student-Council of the Henry George School of Social Science and are sending forth broadcast to all followers of Henry George a message and appeal that truly breathes the spirit of conviction, determination—and Victory!

Here is the message:

### MESSAGE FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE STUDENT COUNCIL

of the

### HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

to the followers of Henry George throughout the nation

urging that they join with them in forming a

### HENRY GEORGE FELLOWSHIP

The qualifications for membership to be an understanding of the teachings of Henry George, and interest and effort in forwarding this Cause for the ultimate freedom of man.

#### The Message:

This is Spring,—seed-sowing is in the minds of countless millions over the length and breadth of our land.

Seed-sowing—can it be carried out in the midst of a crowded city?

Truly, yes.

Seeds of truth can be sown—and grown—in the hearts and minds of men, women and bright youth.

Such sowing has been faithfully done, on a crowded street, in the centre of a great city, in a school, the Henry George School of Social Science. This sowing too has been done with as real a reliance upon human nature, and the great laws which govern it, as that of the seed-sower upon the earth itself and the majestic laws which there govern growth.

In this School the seed is good, the sower skilled and wise, the soil of various qualities.

The fruit will follow—is even now ripening in places.

Can this sowing—and growing—continue?

This depends partly on you.

The students of this School, who thus address you, are being welded into a fine fellowship for a common cause,—that all may recognize that

“The Earth is the birthright of all Mankind, and all have an equal right to its use.”

Admiration and love for a teacher—truly a teacher of teachers—and a growing desire to spread near and far a knowledge of the spiritual quality of this work, which

may produce peacefully and rationally such vast changes amongst men, impels the student body, through its Council to appeal widely for the means of continued support of the School, which has ever increasing possibilities.

If such support is forthcoming regularly and generously from those who believe in the message of “Progress and Poverty,” to enable this work to expand and grow, Man’s release from poverty and all its disastrous ills to mind, body and spirit, may be at hand, and progress assured.

The times are strange indeed, but dawn follows dark.

We, the Student Council of the Henry George School of Social Science, invite you to the truly glorious and noble task of supporting the work of the School, which we know to be worthy of the best efforts and gifts of its friends.

Will you join our fellowship to be known as the Henry George Fellowship by aiding the cause in some way, with a new consecration and, if possible, by subscribing towards free scholarships that are now and henceforth being established in this School?

Frank Chodorov lately wrote to LAND AND FREEDOM from Springfield, Mass.:

“On my next trip west I am going to talk Oscar Geiger’s School to Single Taxers I meet. If there is a spark of the old light left in them they must help. I wish I knew how to sell the School to Single Taxers of the country I hope you will not consider it blasphemous, but I think Oscar is the nearest incarnation of the Christ idea I have ever known. The teaching of the Single Tax is not only good pedagogy—it is inspirational. He doesn’t deviate from or apologize for one word of Henry George. The simplicity and clearness with which he expounds the philosophy is, I believe, one reason why his students become enthusiasts. The other reason is Oscar himself. He teaches so that they understand. That understanding plus his sincerity produces faith. I wish every Single Taxer in the country could sit in at one of his classes could see the light of understanding, of revelation expressed in the faces of the young men and women students. I think that were possible they would agree with me—that the Henry George School of Social Science is the hope of the continued life of our movement. May He who gives life be generous to us by preserving Oscar Geiger for many years, and may the Single Taxers help carry on his work by their financial help.”

While it is true that the leader of the School does not deviate from or apologize for one word of Henry George, it is also true that he has a practical procedure to offer whereby this magnificent theory may be made actually to work, here and now. This is a distinct contribution to the Henry George idea, and should cause hundred nay thousands, of those who lit their lamps long ago at the shrine of this theory to raise them with new hope, until the combined light spreads, attracting the eyes of men. Then they, too, may see clearly and live abundantly.

Now is the time when your response to this appeal will count, when men in their uncertainty turn towards those who truly lead, as our leader in this School leads, not only by his teaching, but with his life, spent for the cause!

All money received through this appeal will go towards

making it possible to increase the student body—for every ten dollars subscribed, one free scholarship will be offered. The donor may if he or she cares, designate the one who shall actually be the recipient of this scholarship, and the Student Council will be happy to cooperate in welcoming that student to the School.

If impossible to provide for one or more scholarships, you can provide for a partial one, trusting its completion to others who will, we believe, share with you in this plan.

If unable to do either at present, please let us have word from you, showing your interest in our newly formed—and soon to be nation-wide—Henry George Fellowship, under the leadership of Oscar H. Geiger, telling us that you join with us. It is our earnest hope that you will.

Faithfully yours,

HELEN D. DENBIGH,  
President of Student Council.  
(Assistant Principal of P. S. 30,  
Brooklyn, New York.

There follows here some freely expressed opinions by students—and witnesses of the work at the School—one of whom has presented this year twelve free scholarships to friends with whom he wished to share what he himself has found here.

Many messages from individual students and witnesses of its work accompany this, of which the following are merely specimen excerpts—space forbidding the publication of all.

"I believe that the Henry George School of Social Science under the leadership of Oscar Geiger is making one of the most important contributions ever made in the history of our movement, because it is teaching—and *thoroughly*—the very fundamentals of the Georgan philosophy.—ANNA GEORGE DE MILLE (daughter of Henry George) 277 Park Ave., New York City.

"We believe this to be the most Holy Crusade ever undertaken. \* \* \* Oscar Geiger is our University. He is our teacher of teachers."—MRS. EVA MAXWELL, 824 Waldo Ave., New York City.

"Attendance at numerous classes and meetings at the Henry George School of Social Science has convinced me of Oscar Geiger's remarkable success in interesting and converting young people to the truth of Henry George's solution. The School *must be maintained*."—CHARLOTTE SCHETTER, 11 McKinney Ave., Northport, L. I., N. Y.

"A class in economics may seem a queer place in which to find God, but I *did* find Him there, due to the clear thinking and uncompromising teaching of Oscar Geiger at the Henry George School of Social Science."—MARY SECOR, Asst. Principal, Public School 96, Bronx, New York.

"Learning the principles of Henry George under the guidance of Oscar Geiger has been the most remarkable scholastic experience of my life."—MARGARET F. BINGHAM, Teacher, Theodore Roosevelt High School, Bronx, New York.

"For some fifteen years I have been talking Single Tax to my friends, without convincing a single one. Last fall I got several of them ('hard-headed business men'

all) to enter the School with me; the condition that we would all try to follow the course without prejudice—one way or the other. Mr. Geiger convinced every one of the group and, I believe, every one else who completed even the first term.

Intellectual conviction is important enough but it is not the force which has kept our idea spreading. The sincerity of a teacher who has risked his all and is daily giving himself for a "Cause" could not fail to awaken the crusading zeal which has resulted in a voluntary movement by the present students to keep the School alive and growing.

I have yet to see a man or method perfect for any purpose—let each who can help choose his own way—but, as a Single Taxer of fairly long standing who has tested the School on himself and his friends, I cannot find strong enough expression for my conviction that the School and its director merit all the support that can possibly be given."—HENRY GEORGE ATKINSON (Grandson of Henry George) Closter Dock Road, Alpine, N. J.

Then, in this greatest of all campaigns for accomplishment in the cause of Freedom, there follows this direct undertaking and promise of the Trustees of the School:

Henceforth every dollar donated to the Henry George School of Social Science will go toward providing free scholarships to its courses.

Every ten dollar donation will establish one scholarship—including text books and tuition. Larger donations will provide that many more scholarships, and smaller donations will be combined into units of ten dollars, and thus, too, will go to creating scholarships.

Donors, if they so desire, can designate recipients of the scholarships they provide. In the absence of such designations the scholarships will be awarded to such teachers, ministers, college students and others, who cannot pay tuition fees, but whose background and interest may warrant the belief that such scholarships shall redound to the benefit of the Cause.

There is no reason now why any one who seeks the Truth shall not find it. There is no reason now why any who desire to *spread* the Truth shall not do it. Not only does the Henry George School of Social Science spread the Truth, but it selects those who are best able to further spread it, and to these it teaches the Truth so thoroughly and so fundamentally that its students in turn themselves become teachers.

If you believe that the philosophy of Henry George contains the Truth that alone can save civilization and bring freedom, security, justice and happiness to humanity, here is an opportunity for you to assist in the teaching and spreading of that philosophy among those who best can further teach and spread it.

Direct and immediate donations are required to make effective this programme, but such bequests as may establish a permanent and sustaining endowment to assure the future of the School and the continued effectiveness of its work, are also needed.

Whatever the amount of the donation, be it large or

small, every penny of it will be used as above set forth.

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Outstanding in these messages is the note of *doing*; the note of *accomplishment*. This is no mere appeal for money. It is a promise of work—in fact of *work already being done*. It is the *Raising of Banners by those about to embark on a Crusade*. We give it our blessings. May we not also ask all true followers of Henry George to join the ranks of these "CRUSADERS OF A NEW CRUSADE" and help them both Spiritually and Materially?

Editor LAND AND FREEDOM.

### THE LIBRARY OF THE SCHOOL

The Henry George School of Social Science is building up a library for the use of its students and for those interested in Fundamental Economics and Social Philosophy.

It is aiming to establish a collection of books bearing on these and allied subjects, that will be a credit to the Henry George movement and that may always be at the service of the Cause and its adherents.

Books bearing on such questions, as also books on Science, Philosophy, History, Biology, Psychology, Civics, Government, and cultural disciplines generally will be welcome and are solicited. All books on any subjects will be gratefully received.

All books donated to its library are suitably inscribed with the School's acknowledgment to the donor, unless otherwise instructed.

BOLTON HALL,  
Chairman Library Committee

## News From California

I have to report progress since my last letter to you.

The campaign for constitutional amendment is steadily progressing and widening. New persons are becoming interested in the work and, therefore, new workers added to the number of the old. In order to get the amendment upon the ballot, approximately 110,000 signatures have to be procured, and in point of fact this represents very much more work because an appreciable number of signatures will lack validity in some respects. However, despite all these difficulties, I can assure our fellow-believers that the amendment will be on the ballot and the fight on in deadly earnest. This we may accept as a fixed fact.

The interest in the principles involved grows with an increased understanding of them. There are many thousands of voters in California who today understand and appreciate the vice of taxation of industry and the propriety of taxation levied upon land values. It is astonishingly easy to make converts to the theory that a sales tax is thoroughly unjust from the standpoint of either capital or labor; to demonstrate the absurdity of taxation upon improvements when we declare that we want improvements to be made; to show that taxation upon tangible personal property defeats its production. These

are the essentials of our campaign, and in our judgment the essentials of any campaign for righteousness in taxation.

I must again refer to the fact that the Single Taxers of the country have by no means wakened up to the importance of this campaign, a campaign from a practical point of view in every way more significant than any campaign which has been heretofore entered upon in the United States or Canada or Australia. It covers a wider extent of territory, a larger population—between six millions and seven millions of people—and an infinitely greater change in the subjects and amount of taxation. This is excellently well illustrated by the fact that we propose to do away with a sales tax now producing fifty million dollars a year, and propose the abolition of taxation upon improvements and tangible personal property, which vitally affects the collection of two hundred and sixty millions of taxation levied for the benefit of California counties and cities. Improvements and tangible personal property are incidentally relieved of one hundred and eighteen millions paid by them. Of course, this great change will not be brought about within a year, but it will be entirely made at the end of five years.

In years gone by the Single Taxers have displayed a very lively interest in campaigns by no means comparable with this. Such was the case forty years ago, at the time of the struggle in Delaware, and was the case with regard to the work of the Fels Commission, although that had no such directness of aim as our California campaign.

I am aware that there are other campaigns shaping themselves up in several of the states of the Union, but, as far as my information extends, none of them have the directness of operation of the present undertaking. If we win success, and about that time I shall have something to say, we shall have carried forward to a wonderful degree the cause of freedom in taxation and freedom in production and recognition of natural rights.

Not all of our friends throughout the United States have been neglectful of the situation. We have been supplied with a large number of little pamphlets called "A Tale of Two Cities," by Prof. Harry G. Brown. This is gotten up in admirable form for circularization, contrasting the effect of the application or non-application of our theories. In addition, we have been furnished with many thousands of a fly-sheet entitled "No Slums—No Congestion," describing the experience of Sydney, and furnished by the American Association for Scientific Taxation, of New York City. This little fly-sheet is an extremely valuable propaganda.

We have also been offered other pamphlets which, while the offer was greatly appreciated, have not seemed to us of immediate force.

Will we succeed? I am justified in a strong expression of personal feeling, based on as thorough a knowledge of the situation throughout the state as it is possible for one to have at this moment. It is my deliberate judgment that only by an enormous expenditure of money and latent and flagrant misrepresentation, can we be defeated, provided we have sufficient funds to bring home to all the voters of the state the fundamental soundness of our positions, and up to the present time our own funds have been, speaking relatively to the necessities, entirely meager. I desire this letter, therefore, to act as an appeal to everyone who really cares for the cause to which he has given his service, perhaps, only up to this time, to come forward with all the financial assistance and personal sacrifice of which he may be capable such an opportunity to give a telling blow for freedom having never arisen before and may not arise again for a long time. If you can give in hundreds of dollars, well and good. If you can give but a single dollar the gift will not fail of appreciation.

Please send any contributions either to Edgar Pomeroy, Treasurer, Pacific Building, San Francisco, or A. J. Samis, Treasurer, 2422 North Alvarado Street, Los Angeles, these acting for northern and southern California. If desired, moneys can be sent to me and I will make division between the north and south.

We shall welcome as a co-adjutor in the fight, John Lawrence Morroe, due quickly to reach California.

—JACKSON H. RALSTON.