

HENRY GEORGE SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SCIENCE

The Tutor's Course for the study of *Progress and Poverty*, which began on July 6th at 4 Great Smith Street, S.W.1, is being well attended and is making good progress. While the Course is primarily for trainee tutors and class secretaries, there is included in the Class a number of students who are attending the Classes as a refresher course. The discussions have brought out many excellent suggestions for dealing with certain questions and quite a few minor difficulties in connection with others have been resolved.

Plans for a big recruitment campaign for the September classes are being prepared, in which the London Georgeists will play an active part.

In Manchester the Autumn Classes for the study of *Progress and Poverty* and *Protection or Free Trade* will begin during the last week in September and will be held at the Holdsworth Hall, Deansgate, Manchester, from 6.30 p.m. to 8.30 p.m. By means of posters, tram and newspaper advertisements, distribution of leaflets and personal canvassing, it is aimed to give the School wide publicity.

From the School's Postbag.

My Dear Mr. V. H. Blundell,

As I was reading *LAND & LIBERTY*, January and February issue, I was pleased to see your name as the Organiser of Henry George School of Science. I hope that you will direct me in Social Philosophy. For this reason I hasten to send this letter to you. I am about 15 years old and, of course, a pure negro. I would have sent money for the cost of the book which you will prefer for me, but I do not know the price. Therefore, in your reply, I hope to get the book and, of course, you will tell me the price so that I will send the money to you. I will describe myself fully in my next letter. May I ask you to know me as a trustworthy fellow.—A. O. UMEH (Nigeria).

Having taken the *Progress and Poverty* Classes at Great Smith Street and accepted the Georgeist principles, I should very much like to study more of Henry George's works.

I should therefore be much obliged if you would send me particulars of the correspondence courses you run.

I should also like the set, 53 "Lectures and Addresses by Henry George," as I feel that these may make clearer to some of my friends the Georgeist outlook, in which they are already interested. If I can get sufficient enthusiasm from them I shall endeavour to start a study circle, as it is surprising how few chaps out here have even given the subject any consideration before.—VICTOR G. SALDJI (Kenya).

I happened to be passing through Hyde Park one Sunday when I heard a gentleman lecturing on Economics. I was really interested but couldn't stay until the end. He mentioned the address of the School in Great Smith Street, so I made enquiries. I understand that you will be taking classes on Tuesdays and Fridays in September. Have you any vacancies in the classes, please? I am very keen to learn more about Social Science and would like to join.—R. M., (London).

THE LONDON GEORGEISTS' DISCUSSION CLUB

A most encouraging feature of the Discussion Club is the activity of its membership, individually considered. Members not only attend the meetings—and even in the holiday season with remarkably large attendance—but are also alive to every opportunity that is open to them from day to day, whether by passing on the literature, attending and taking part at local meetings, bringing to *LAND & LIBERTY* the names of people who "must be" canvassed, and some of them—a service gratefully acknowledged—spending spare time of an evening or during the day giving valuable voluntary help within the office itself. There is emulation among the members to see that the Club is a real "working community" and it develops well on those lines.

Proportional Representation was the subject of the July meeting and members were able to take part in a practical

demonstration showing how Proportional Representation worked. Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Secretary of the Society, was the speaker and demonstrator, and with the aid of blackboard and dummy voting papers effectively put his case. The discussion which followed elicited much information as to the working of this democratic voting system in other countries, and at the conclusion of the meeting it was generally agreed that this was a much needed reform.

Among the recent activities of the Club has been the lobbying of M.P.s in the House of Commons. They have been courteously received by the Members who were interviewed, but how much persuasion came of the talks is for either party to decide. The experience has proved that perseverance in these efforts to educate even our legislators will be well worth while.

A talk on economics, the main subject being the relationship between land and wealth, was given by Mr. J. A. Dawson to the Forest Hill Young Labour Club at their headquarters on July 23rd. Mr. Dawson is a recent "graduate" of the London Henry George School and is to be commended on his getting on with the job of enlightening others. The flow of intelligent questions which came at the end of the lecture showed that interest had been aroused. Mr. Dawson took the opportunity of recommending *LAND & LIBERTY*, and was invited to speak again at a later date.

Mr. H. R. LEE, Hon. Secretary of the Portsmouth League, is an assiduous Press correspondent. "Men of the past," he writes in a letter to the local *Evening News*, July 26th, "could plan and build well, but they were always up against the high cost of land and the existing system of rating, which penalizes every improvement which is made. There is nothing in the Planning Act which remedies this, so with the additional restriction and interference the housing shortage must become more acute."

INTERNATIONAL UNION FOR LAND VALUE TAXATION AND FREE TRADE

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To stimulate in all countries a public opinion favourable to permanent peace and prosperity for all peoples, through the progressive removal of the basic economic causes of poverty and war, as these causes are demonstrated in the writings of Henry George. Specifically, towards the realization of these objects, the Union favours the raising of public revenues by taxes and rates upon the value of land apart from improvements in order to secure the economic rent for the community and the abolition of taxes, tariffs, or imposts of every sort that interferes with the free production and exchange of wealth.

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Membership is open to all persons, irrespective of sex, race, or nationality, who in good faith sign a written declaration of adherence to the objects of the Union, and pay a minimum annual subscription equivalent to five shillings sterling (or \$1, U.S.A. and Canada). Additional subscription for the service of the monthly journal, "*Land & Liberty*," is 5s., or \$1, yearly.

Invitation

The Honorary Treasurer of the Union, Mr. Ashley Mitchell, 4 Great Smith Street, London, S.W.1, making an earnest invitation, will be pleased to hear from all intending members, as well as from existing members whose subscription for the current year are now due. Extra donations which any friends are prepared to give for promoting the work of the Union will be greatly appreciated.