

(Mr. Lema and his wife Mirta, both originally from Colombia, are now associated with the movement in London, especially the ESSRA School, and are interested in promoting Spanish Georgist educational work. Mr. Lema has written a letter describing his evolution from a traditional boyhood in Colombia to becoming an active Georgist in England. This may be obtained from Mr. Lema at IU headquarters or from John M. Kelly, 832 Connell Bldg., Scranton, Pa. 18503, USA.)

As part of our holidays Mirta and I decided to visit the Georgist group in Barcelona; also Prof. C.P. Carranza, a Spanish Republican in exile, now living in St. Jean-de-Luz, France, after 20 years in Argentina where he taught the "natural economy." He is the author of several books, Old and New Economy, Agrarian Reform in America, Capitalism or Communism, The Intellectual and Communism, and others. He is still active writing but thinks we need a Maecenas to finance publications. At 83 he is alert, up to date on current affairs, full of life and enthusiasm.

In Barcelona we had two meetings, one held at the Friends of UNESCO, another at a private house. About 25 persons attended them. Sr. J. Paluzie-Borrell, leading Spanish Georgist of Barcelona, has done a good deal of translation. He has translated into Spanish the condensed (Madsen) version of Progress and Poverty and Freedom the Only End by F. McEachran. We hope to get these published.

While in Barcelona I visited the City Library where I found a book of 300 pages written in 1917 by a priest, Juan Alcazar Alvarez, purporting to demolish the doctrines of Henry George. His arguments were based on the right of property as deriving from work - those who work the land are entitled to the ownership of the land they work! Why do we still have poverty? "Pauperism is due to the cooling down of the fire that once moved rich men to care for the needy."

What a change it was to read, in the public library of San Sebastian, the wise words of J. Senador Gomez on The Rights of Man: "Men obtain every day more and more the right to vote and lose every day more and more the right to use the earth... Freedom is not the right to be free, it is to be able to be free... There are only two parties: those who defend justice and those who defend privilege."

We received requests for the correspondence course (the version offered by ESSRA, consisting of reading matter given with the lessons rather than a text book, and offered in two parts). We now give the course in Spanish. One of our graduates is Sr. Rodriguez Rosa of Mexico, a Georgist of long standing, a friend of John Morales (formerly of the Panama Canal Zone, now in New Zealand), and author of various books on cooperativism.

We found only two groups in Spain: the one in Barcelona where the active leaders, besides Sr. Paluzie-Borrell, are Soler Corrales and Pedro Nuez. There is also a small group in Seville led by Sr. Lemos Ortega, who was Secretary of the Georgist League before the Spanish Civil War.

Spain was once an active center of Georgism but there is little left. The problem of producing more literature is that the time and money available are very limited - there is no "fire" for us from rich men, no Maecenas! We hope, however, to make a start and print some inexpensive booklets and papers. Now that there is supposed to be a new atmosphere in Spain, this may be the time to start anew.

(In the last issue of the GJ, in reporting the death of Rogelio Casas Cadilla, he was erroneously reported as the Spanish translator of Progress and Poverty. The translator was Baldomero Argente, and Sr. Casas promoted its publication.