

Postscript

by Margaret E. Bateman

Good news for the New Year is the announcement of an extension class attended by a selected group which includes two members of a State Planning Department, a City Planning Engineer, leading Alderman, Secretary of a Savings Bank Association, a State Insurance Commissioner, Executive Secretary of a Taxpayers' Federation, Secretary of a Farm Bureau Federation, member of a Central Labor Union, and an Insurance Broker who is a State Senator. The instructor of this class is also a member of the

International Headquarters, in New York, was presented at Christmas time with a photograph of a fine portrait by Alexander James. The subject is the artist's son, Danny James, who discovered the Henry George School while in the merchant marine, and who is now serving his country in India. We remember Danny's generosity in opening the Danny James Fund last year with the contribution of a one-hundred-dollar bill, to be used in spreading the ideas of Henry Georg. Much will be heard of this young man in the future extension of economic literacy throughout the world.

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I took an invalid's wheel chair to Canada as a Christmas present for a crippled boy who will never walk. A similar chair is not made in Canada, but the customs official insisted on \$30 duty as a penalty for bringing it across the imaginary boundary line. Said official listened to some facts about the evils of tariff walls, as well as a few observations on fundamental economics and obstruction to trade. To

my surprise, he agreed that tariffs have harmful effects on both sides of the line.

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The Canadian Government now deducts 15% on all dividends payable to citizens who are residents of the United States.

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I called for a friend at the town hall in a small village in Canada, where nominations for election were being held. There were sixty or seventy in the audience, but not one woman among them! Page Helena McEvoy, Gertrude Mackenzie and Doris Ogle, and other active Henry George women. There's still much to be done about women's rights!

Some consolation for the above was in the fact that seventy-one United Church Ministers of Canada have enrolled in the Correspondence School. Another was in hearing a number of wide-awake intelligent men and women taking part in a public speaking course at the Henry George School in Montreal. Their voices will one day be heard.

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Records for the end of the year show a total enrollment of 7,134. The Correspondence School enrolled an all-time high of 3,586 students. With your help we can make 1945 a year of the greatest progress in the school's history.

We were encouraged by the response to my postscript suggestion that as more and more teachers will be needed after the war, graduates should obtain teachers' manuals and organize classes in their own communities. Some requests for manuals were received from students who had not yet finished the course. Though we could not comply as yet, such enthusiasm is appreciated, and it speaks well for the future.

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Thanks again to all of you who

The ninth lesson in Fundamental Economics appears in the January issue also. Called "Gone Is the Melancholy Dane," it is written by Howard L'Hommedieu, an instructor in the Henry George School extension in Chicago.

Salom Rizk, nationally known speaker and writer, and student of the Henry George School of New York, contributes an article on "The Americanization of Salom Rizk."

Two other students of Henry George are represented in this issue. Norma Cooley writes on "The Economics of Brotherly Love," and Pvt. Walter Maitland gives an inside story on how the Arabs lost their land to the French.