

On Professors

This issue, purely by coincidence, is devoted largely to discussions by and about professors.

First, from a former member of the faculty of Ohio State University comes a critical analysis of a book by a professor at Williams College. In his study of the work of Professor Frederick L. Schuman, Professor Louis Wallis infers that much of what passes for education in our colleges is purely propaganda.

From Professor Harry Gunnison Brown we receive a series of three articles in which he "goes to town" on his confreres in the economics departments for their deliberate avoidance of land value taxation—an avoidance that by inference throws light on the intellectual bias of those who profess academic objectivity.

Then, Professor Glenn L. Hoover sends a well-written article in which he takes exception to our "ridiculing economists and college professors in general." His defense of the profession is an admirable gesture.

The editor admits a prejudice against professional teachers of economics. Every prejudice permits of rationalization, although its very emotionalism denies rationality. We should like to indulge the urge to bolster our bias against the teaching fraternity with some rhetoric. However, the reader has some right to uninfluenced judgment—to which we humbly submit.