

The Distinguished Service Award

ON the final evening of the conference, Arnold A. Weinstein, the school's president, announced the establishment of the Henry George School Award for Distinguished Service. In a gesture which came as a complete surprise to everyone, including Lancaster M. Greene, who was presiding at the banquet program, he said to him:

"I have the signal honor to present to you the first annual award of the Henry George School for your distinguished service as an officer and trustee of the school. Your friends gathered here this evening know full well how staunch and steadfast you have been in the cause of individual freedom despite the brooding omnipresence of the Welfare State. For myself, I wish you a life full of years, knowing the deep satisfactions which will continue to be yours in helping to improve the human condition. I salute you."

Mr. Greene, totally taken aback, observed on accepting the award (an engraved silver card tray), that he had been associated with the school for 35 years and looked forward to many

more. Using a Quaker idiom he said he was "greatly tendered by the honor," and if he hadn't deserved it in the past he would certainly try to deserve it in the future. The Friends' belief, "God in every man," is one which he finds is parallel to Henry George's belief in the dignity of the individual and the importance of liberty and justice whereby people can satisfy more of their desires if they are free. "We have to find ways for more people to cooperate," he said, "for in George's words, 'cooperation is civilization.'"



Lancaster M.
Greene

The preceding issue of HGN (July) was omitted this year.

This entire number is devoted to a report of the annual conference of the HGS at Chicago last month. Digests of the principal addresses are given with the exception of those by Steven Cord and Stanley Sinclair, which will be included next month.

Vol. 32, No. 7

August, 1969

The Henry George News, published monthly by the Henry George School of Social Science, 50 E. 69th Street, New York, N. Y. 10021, supports the following principle:

The community, by its presence and activity, gives rental value to land, therefore the rent of land belongs to the community and not to the landowners. Labor and capital, by their combined efforts, produce the goods of the community—known as wealth. This wealth belongs to the producers. Justice requires that the government, representing the community, collect the rent of land for the community purposes and abolish the taxation of wealth.

Publication committee: William S. O'Connor, Arnold A. Weinstein and Lancaster M. Greene, chairman. Editor: Alice Elizabeth Davis. Subscriptions \$1 a year; single copies 10c. Second class postage paid at New York, N. Y.

The Henry George News does not assume responsibility for opinions expressed in signed articles.