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What Kind of Member Are You?

"H AVE you ever watched through the long dark night and seen the first faint glimmer of dawn?" asked Joseph S. Thompson in a recent letter. Mr. Thompson is president of the Henry George School in New York and in San Francisco and was re-elected president of the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade.

The man affectionately known as "Joe" Thompson, and other seasoned observers, sensed this "first faint glimmer" in the widening and stirring movement to which some have given nearly a lifetime of devoted attention, when the international conference was held in New York.

The many years of patient teaching in the school founded by the prophetic Oscar Geiger were seen at last to be focusing here and there in a variety of ways, eclectic and yet united. But in terms of history the 85 years since the publication of *Progress and Poverty* have not been a very long time to wait for a basic reform to gain attention. Considering the difficulties to be overcome, it is remarkable that in several states in the U.S. legislative changes are being studied based on land value taxation.

There is thrilling progress in other countries too. Latin Americans have responded because they quickly appreciate the importance of LVT. Canadians and British Georgists report for-

ward strides, and the editor of *Land & Liberty* (London) said at the recent conference, "land value taxation is becoming *respectable* in England."

If you want the efforts of the Henry George School here to keep abreast of this growing movement, now is the time to underwrite it with your maximum support. The achievements so far have come about because a few people were thoroughly convinced of the effectiveness of Henry George's method. These people have stood together year after year, lecturing, giving their services as teachers, and contributing money. So great is the belief of those who fully understand this principle that many have gone far beyond what would normally be expected. The faithful ones helped and hoped through periods of discouragement when there was never the slightest sign of such recognition as can be found frequently today in newspapers.

Now that confidence is growing, don't miss this opportunity to contribute to the Henry George School's wide educational and research program. At the center of the plan has always been the presentation of the principles of Fundamental Economics four times a year to all who would come. The classes must continue more earnestly than ever as preparation for students, some of whom will carry this straight-

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forward reasoning and logic into avenues of civic importance.

Robert Clancy, New York director, promises good stewardship on the part of the school and says your 'talents' will be put to profitable use, performing good deeds. He would remind you that your contribution will make you a partner in education and a member of the school. What kind of a member? A folder with details of the privileges and benefits and the ways in which your contribution may be used, will be sent gladly on request.

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Your membership is tax deductible. This can be a useful factor in drawing one's will with a bequest for this important work. Let us welcome you as a new member or as one desiring to move up higher.

Keep the Henry George School, 50 East 69th Street, New York, N.Y. 10021, a vital part of your life.

Literature Old and New

The new and third edition of *A Seed Was Sown* by Robert Clancy (about Oscar Geiger, founder of the Henry George School) is just off the press, former editions having been exhausted. It is still only \$1. A Spanish edition, *Se Ha Sembrado Una Semilla*, is also popular at \$1.

American Ideals by Heman Chase, quickly sold out in its first edition, has been revised and expanded and is now ready at \$1.

"Wide Economic Expansion Now a Must," is the title of an attractive pamphlet by William E. Clement, offering a solution to the land question and quoting the views of several great men on the subject. Specially priced at 35c or three for \$1.

The two unabridged conference talks most often requested are available in one pamphlet at 10c or twelve for \$1. They are "The Paradoxes of George" by Clyde E. Reeves and "The Georgist Philosophy Today," by P. I. Prentice. Both were much enjoyed by their audiences in Philadelphia and New York.

The conference papers, as prepared by the International Union in London, include 10 full and impressive reports of LVT progress in the U.S., Canada, Great Britain, Denmark, Germany, Austria and New Zealand. The whole set can be yours for \$1.

A bonus, *Enclaves of Economic Rent*, is offered with a \$5 purchase. Order from the Henry George School, 50 East 69th St., N. Y., N. Y. 10021.

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