

Granted that the ownership and use is in justice a privilege, yet ownership of land has been considered by such monopolists as Lord Coke and other builders of our legal concepts as a sacred right of property. Federal judges, backed up by a public opinion which has not considered these questions, would probably hold the tax on the privilege a direct tax. When civilization has a keener sense of justice and a better understanding of privilege, then it will not make any difference about this problem. We will do away with such restrictions and see to it that our governments have power to provide revenues by legitimate means.—J. EDWARD JONES.

Robert Schalkenbach Foundation

WITH the death of Mr. Byron Holt on Dec. 11, 1933, three vacancies existed in the membership of the Foundation. Mr. Pleydell had passed away in May, 1932, and Mr. Charles T. Root had resigned recently because he planned to spend part of each year on the west coast.

At a meeting of the trustees on January 19, it was announced that nominations had been received for the three vacancies, and that the names of Mr. Raymond V. McNally, Mr. Henry George Atkinson, and Mr. Albert Pleydell (son of the late Arthur C. Pleydell), had been placed in nomination by Mr. Purdy, and seconded by many members of the Board. An election was held and these gentlemen were duly elected members and trustees of the Foundation.

John J. Murphy who served as vice-president since 1927, stated that he would be glad to stay upon the board of trustees, but that he was resigning as vice-president. A vote of thanks was given to Mr. Murphy for his generous and untiring services to the Foundation.

Mr. Philip H. Cornick was nominated for the office of vice-president, and upon vote, duly elected as vice-president of the Board.

Mr. Hennessy stated that since no president had been elected he would continue to serve as president, and hoped to devote an increasing amount of time to the plans and work of the Foundation. At the same meeting, the secretary was given the office of executive secretary.

A very pleasant evening followed, on January 20, at the Hotel Holley, Washington Square, where dinner was served to thirty-eight guests who joined the trustees of the Foundation in welcoming Messrs. McNally, Pleydell, and Atkinson to the board. Mr. Hennessy presided, and explained the educational nature of the work carried on by the Foundation; how, in 1926, the books of Henry George were almost out of print and how over a period of years they had been published and distributed by the Foundation; how other appropriate literature was prepared and circulated, and how by advertising within the modest limits available to the Foundation, thousands of

people became acquainted with the writings of Henry George, and were from that point led on to active work for the Georgist Cause.

Lawson Purdy spoke, and then the three new trustees addressed the guests in turn. Mr. Hennessy also introduced the wives of the three trustees to the group.

Among the many interesting guests of the evening was Henry George III, of Wilmington, who spoke briefly of his renewed interest in the work that is being done.

Mrs. de Mille, Mr. Cornick, Mr. Stephens and Mr. Fairchild were among the trustees who made speeches of welcome to the new members, as did Mr. Geiger and Miss Schetter. Mr. Hennessy concluded the evening's proceedings with two amusing Irish landlord stories. Besides those mentioned above, there were present Mr. and Mrs. Albert Firmin, Mr. and Mrs. McDowell, of Tennessee; Mr. Harry Weinberger, Mr. Otto Dorn, Mr. Harry Maguire, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Bell, Mr. Egan, Mr. G. H. Atkinson, Mr. Roger Stephens, Mr. Donald Stephens, Mr. Ware, Mr. Hendrickson and guest, Mr. Hellyer and guest, Mr. Bittenheim, Mrs. Geiger, and Mr. Joseph Dana Miller.

The secretary reported to the Board that since the inventory date, May 1933, 3,000 books have been distributed; 27,500 pamphlets and 30,000 or more pieces of advertising.

Two new advertisements of the pamphlet "Moses" have been inserted by the Foundation in *The American Hebrew* and *The Young Judean*, as an experiment in attracting the interest of Jewish men and women in Henry George's famous lecture. A special letter is written to each inquirer who answers the advertisement, and the reading of "Progress and Poverty" is suggested. The results thus far have been encouraging.

Orders from bookdealers continue to come to the office daily, showing that there is a background of interest outside the Single Tax ranks, in Henry George's books. The two most popular titles are: "Progress and Poverty," and "Social Problems." In a campaign among bookdealers, 350 books were sold from September to date, at a circularizing cost of \$47.

A Christmas letter and folder explaining the books available, and offering special rates for quantity gift orders, was sent to 5,000 people on our main list, early in December, and also to some 2,000 additional special names. About 330 books were sold including 36 copies of "The Philosophy of Henry George." We would like to remind readers that those who buy books or pamphlets from the Foundation are really making a contribution to the general progress of the cause, as all monies taken in are spent for further publication, or for definite propaganda activities, which increase the Foundation's scope and usefulness.

A special letter to 166 librarians in Pennsylvania has been sent, enclosing the pamphlet "Steps to Economic Recovery," and suggesting that there might be more of

a demand for Henry George's books, in view of the publicity given to Mr. McNair, the new mayor of Pittsburgh. It is planned to interest the bookstores in Pittsburgh, and we acknowledge in this connection the fine cooperation of Mr. F. C. Maguire who is in contact with Pittsburgh bookdealers.

A new printing of the pamphlet, "The Causes of Business Depression," is now available. About 130,000 pamphlets of this title have been printed by the Foundation, and 121,000 distributed in special and effective ways during the past two years.

An Index has been prepared by the secretary for a new edition of "Social Problems." The American version has not contained an Index in previous editions. It is hoped to have the new printing ready in March. The book will match the 50th Anniversary Edition of "Progress and Poverty," and will have a bright new jacket with original design.

From Mr. Easton Garrett of Buenos Aires, we learn that a Spanish translation of "Significant Paragraphs from 'Progress and Poverty'" is contemplated, and the Foundation has given the Argentine group permission for the use of the text.

The National Library of Peiping, China, recently ordered our entire list of books, including the "Philosophy of Henry George," as a result of a circular letter sent to foreign libraries.

Mr. Robert McCaig is conducting a "Toledo Economics Forum," and has supplied us with a list of names of persons in Toledo who have become interested in the subject of the Single Tax, etc. Mr. Freeland of the Seattle club has sent a packet of publicity which the club has obtained in the *Seattle Star*. Special articles written by Adele Parker, on current topics of interest, related to the tax problem are skilfully presented in the columns of the *Star*.

The Henry George Club of Lincoln, Neb., is exceedingly active, and is promoting interest in the subject of land value taxation in Lincoln. One member has become enthusiastic about placing "Progress and Poverty" in the hands of his friends, and has sent to us for a quantity of the books. Mr. Freyermuth of South Bend, Ind., continues his work of interesting those in his community, and Mr. Strachan of Chicago, is likewise engaged. We cannot list all of the people who write to us regularly, describing their work and the progress they are making in their own communities, but the sum total of active workers is greater than it has ever been in the years immediately preceding, and we hope that it will continue to grow.

ANTOINETTE KAUFMANN,
Executive Secretary.

JUDGING by the large number of "relief" measures that Congress is passing the pavements must be badly in need of repair in that place said to be paved with good intentions.

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NEWS OF THE HENRY GEORGE CLUBS

What it can mean for a city to have an active Henry George Club with regular meetings through good and seemingly poor Single Tax times is clearly seen in Pittsburgh. After ten years of weekly meetings, the Henry George Club now ranks as one of the most influential organizations in the city. The club was active and influential long before the present rise to political prominence of many of its members with the administration of Mayor William N. McNair. With the name and message of Henry George already familiar to thousands, its influence now can be even greater.

The followers of Henry George in every city should be prepared to take advantage of each new opportunity as it arises. A local organization of some kind with regular meetings is one essential part of this preparation. Among the cities that are getting prepared to deliver more and more effective blows for the justice of Henry George is Lincoln, Neb.

Lincoln, Neb., Henry George Club—Miss C. E. Blumer, secretary-treasurer, writes Dec. 11: "Some time ago, I wrote you and requested a list of the Henry George Clubs in the United States, and you very kindly sent me a list of those in the United States and Canada. Since then, momentous things have happened here in Lincoln. . . . We have organized a Henry George Club, and now have a little group of about twenty-five, all eager to learn more about the philosophy of Henry George. It seems we cannot give them information fast enough.