

we have arranged with Wilson & Company (chief distributors to libraries) to maintain four traveling displays of "Progress and Poverty" and three other Henry George books. These displays are taken from one large city to another and shown to purchasing librarians—to the buyers in big department stores, and to the best of the local book dealers.

Through the kindness of Mrs. Benjamin Burger, about 600 translations of "Progress and Poverty," and of "Protection or Free Trade," in Chinese, were donated to this office. In examining our file of people whom we have interested in China, we found several who could in all probability start an extension class, with the use of these books. We therefore sent the books to Mr. Monroe, the extension class leader, who will undertake to organize classes in China.

There is much to be done in acquainting the new students who are coming into the movement through attendance in extension classes, with the things already accomplished, and the facilities at hand for the furtherance of George's principles in this country. Pending a more complete report, albums have been made up containing sample copies of all of the pamphlet and leaflet material available to people for distribution. Letters accompanying the album were sent to sixty extension class leaders for their own use and information, and for the purpose of passing the books around to the students at a convenient time during the school term.

Time has been spent in the last few weeks going over likely names for new extension class leaders so that Mr. Monroe, field director for the Henry George School, might be able to circularize a choice group of people whose interest has been developed by this Foundation to the point where they are ready for class work. One thousand people were chosen who were presumed to have sufficient background, built up by the literature which they have received from the Foundation, to "carry on" in their own city or town under the guidance of the extension class system. Not all will respond, of course, but a very fair representation may be looked for from this special list.

As has been stated before in these columns, the Foundation receives from a press clipping bureau, a daily average of ten to fifteen clippings mentioning Henry George, or some phase of the Single Tax question. In the past we covered the following activities with relation to these clippings:

Where editorial comment was unfriendly, or the statements untrue, we wrote the editor setting forth the facts.

Where an outsider appeared to be in sympathy (through his letter to the paper), we made note of the name, and followed up by sending him literature.

Where Single Taxers wrote good letters to the newspapers, we commended them and told them which newspapers were carrying their letters. This is helpful, as in the case of Mr. E. B. Swinney of Los Angeles, who has conducted a most remarkable letter-writing campaign,

in which at times we have counted thirty-six major newspapers that have printed his letters.

The Foundation will continue to subscribe to the clipping service, but it will turn over to the new Henry George News Service at the School, the daily receipt of clippings, with memos or suggestions, from time to time.

The News Service will use these clippings in organizing letter writing campaigns, and in carrying out the above work under an extended programme.

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Charles H. Ingersoll and Lowell Thomas

Lowell Thomas recently put on the air some misleading information on a very important subject; he spoke slightly of Mayor McNair of Pittsburgh, as representing an improved system of taxation in vogue there, and he also referred to the greatest economist and statesman this country has ever produced, as being "unknown:"—We refer to Henry George; he also said the reform movement initiated by Mr. George over fifty years ago is now dead.

If Mr. Thomas is only concerned in outward appearances and purely tabloid impressions, perhaps he is warranted in such comment; but if he desires to show some appreciation of the magnitude of the subject he treats so lightly, that of taxation, and to entertain and to give attention to the serious phases of that question, which goes to the cause of our economic distress, he should be a little more respectful of some very well authenticated facts; the fact that in all the mess we have been in for five years, no one has even attempted to offer a cause and cure except either Communists or Georgeists, should make it all the more interesting to consider the alternative of using social values to pay for social expenses, when taxation is everywhere considered to be the one impoverishing force;—Mr. McNair was elected because he put across the Pittsburgh Plan of taking taxes off industry and putting them on monopoly or economic rent; Henry George has made the only modern contribution to economics, which must save civilization, if it is saved; and if this movement is dead, then Mr. Thomas may as well put on his white robe and get ready for the end of broadcasting.

Mr. Ingersoll also wrote to Mr. Lowell Thomas as follows:

"Enclosed please find copy of a broadcast to be made over a number of stations, in which I have referred to you. I hope I have not misrepresented your position.

"I should be very glad to hear from you regarding the subject matter, and any other comments you may care to make."

To which Mr. Thomas replied:

"Many thanks for the copy of your radio talk. I enjoyed it immensely. As a matter of fact, I didn't exactly say that the Single Tax idea was dead. I was merely joshing the Mayor of Pittsburgh about another matter, and his habit of passing out booklets was a side reference."

Mr. Ingersoll not to be outdone in courtesy then wrote to Mr. Thomas:

"I highly appreciate your gracious acknowledgment of my comments on your reference to the Henry George element:—and I must frankly acknowledge that your note shows rather 'better nature' than mine, which was based on hearsay.

"As the record stands, some measure of apology to you seems in order, which I am conveying."