

International Institute For Georgianism

THERE has been formed in Melbourne an International Institute for the Interchange of Information regarding the progress being made in the practical applications of the principles of Henry George's teachings. The founder of the Institute is an internationally known Esperantist and has been a Georgian almost from the cradle.

There are Esperantists in every city and town throughout the world and many of these are being asked to assist Georgian Clubs where they also exist to form small internal groups who will study the International Language with a definite objective in view—to send to the Institute in Melbourne reports of progress made in the application of Georgian Principles in their district, to report about Georgians generally (not omitting, perhaps, social ills), and also to cover Proportional Representation in like manner. English communities should not imagine that English is a suitable language for the primary purpose—the gathering of information from all the world into one place—English has its limitations, and because the Georgian Movement is now alive in almost every land in the world (despite reports by G. B. Shaw, and the Communists to the contrary), an International Language has become more and more necessary to keep in touch with our movement *in all places*.

At least this is the view of the Institute, which will simply make of the International Language the instrument for collecting and disseminating News,—news of a kind not obtainable through the ground-lord controlled press agencies. Our beginnings will be modest, but whatever information we receive from foreign lands will be freely passed on to the Georgian and P. R. Press in Australia, translated into English, of course.

Membership is five shillings per annum for those who wish to receive the International Letter in full as issued from time to time during the year: supporters may become members by paying one shilling or any sum by way of donation to assist in the work being undertaken. One of the matters to which the Institute will give early attention is the publication of a translation of Bengough's "Up-To-Date Primer"—possibly in the form of a textbook through which the budding linguist-economist may gather economic truths whilst learning the simple words which are the core of language. The late Mr. Bengough's nephew is the Registrar of the McMaster University at Hamilton, Ontario, and is the President of the Canadian Esperanto Association (National Federation of Esperantist Clubs throughout Canada.)

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Yesterday's Causes and Today's Effects

Charity is indeed a noble and beautiful virtue, grateful to man and approved by God. But charity must be built on justice. It cannot supersede justice.—HENRY GEORGE.

LIKE the weather, much has been said of environment as an aspect of our social problems but little, if anything, really has ever been done about it. Many will question this assertion contending that our present social order benefits currently from not one but actually two horns of plenty, one furnished a reputedly social-minded and perhaps well-intended Governmental Administration in Washington intent on improving the conditions of the entire country, excluding, as Mr. Harold L. Ickes recently inferred, sixty families of wealth, the other provided by numerous charitable organizations and eleemosynary institutions working earnestly for the betterment of mankind. Both these groups, we might admit, continuously try to appease the hungry public appetite for better living standards but, when we pause and look about us today at the poverty which exists in this wealthy land of ours we are forced to conclude that in spite of a slight improvement, absolutely artificial in nature, neither group is having much success in its endeavors along these lines. Would it be too dogmatic to claim that all this energy and all this money is being misdirected? It would not seem so if on one hand we reviewed the tremendous amounts of energy and money expended to help mankind and on the other hand . . . well, just look at mankind.

Many years ago the river Nile was known to go on an habitual spree, overflowing its bank almost seasonally and causing terrific damage to the countryside. Man endeavored to anticipate these disastrous outbursts in many haphazard ways but found himself faced with the same dilemma time and again. Finally, as our civilization developed and land values expanded, it became more and more expensive to society to ignore the fundamental aspect of the problem and a scientific survey was compiled of the entire situation. Artificial irrigation and other similar feats of engineering were introduced. The energy of this mighty body of water as well as the energy of man, no longer misdirected, then contributed towards the production of a fertile countryside where barren wasteland was known to have existed for many years before.

In citing this particular instance in the metamorphosis of our present civilization, let us not be accused of digressing. Today the Administration in Washington offers new solutions daily with the ultimate objective of improving our public environment and elaborate philanthropic organizations worthy products of Capitalism (communists, Mr. Ickes, et al, please note) continue to expand energy and vast sums of money in an effort to aid the less fortunate.