

Henry George Candidate for Hall of Fame

Next September, 102 outstanding men and women will vote upon a long list of candidates nominated by the public for a place in the Hall of Fame.

An imposing edifice of white stone, 600 feet long and 10 feet wide, this national shrine was given to the American people by New York University in 1900. It overlooks the Hudson and Harlem Rivers. Carved above its portals are the following words: "For Great Americans. By Wealth of Thought or Else by Mighty Deed they Served Mankind. In Noble Character, in World-Wide Good, They Live Forever More."

Henry George became eligible for the famous Hall in 1925, when the required quarter of a century had elapsed since his death. He was nominated by thousands of public-spirited citizens who recognized in him a man whose work has exerted world-wide influence and was of imperishable value. He remained on the ballot consecutively, and in the succeeding elections, which are held every five years, showed increasing strength. In 1935 he received 57 votes, lacking only nine to win. In 1940, when of the hundred and forty-one candidates only one, Stephen Foster, received the required three-fifths majority, he was near the top with forty-seven votes.

This year Henry George shares the honors of the ballot with such persons as J. Willard Gibbs, physicist; John Singleton Copley, painter; Thomas Paine, Revolutionary War writer; Cyrus H. McCormick, inventor; Susan B. Anthony, reformer; Cyrus W. Fields, promoter of the Atlantic cable, and more than a hundred others.

In Westminster Abbey England honors her kings; in the Ruhmeshalle in Munich and in the Pantheon in Paris, heroes of past wars are immortalized for their deeds of skill and bravery; but in America's colonnade any native-born man or woman, regardless of col-

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or, race, creed or station, may win a place. Already enshrined are George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, Benjamin Franklin, Ralph Waldo Emerson—in all, seventy-two persons, seven of them women.

In previous years the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation, publishers of "Progress and Poverty," has campaigned for the election of Henry George. Plans are now being formed for this year's activities, and details of how Henry George's many thousands of adherents may participate will soon be published.

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