

## Robert Schalkenbach Foundation Report

THE annual meeting of members and directors of the Robert Schalkenbach Foundation was held May 24, 1938, at the offices of the Foundation.

An election of officers was held for the ensuing year, resulting in the following designations of office: President, Hon. Lawson Purdy; 1st Vice-President, Lancaster M. Greene; 2nd Vice-President, Albert Pleydell; Treasurer, Henry George Atkinson; Executive Secretary, Mrs. Antoinette K. Wambough.

Two vacancies arising from the resignation of Mr. Spaulding Frazer and the death of our beloved trustee, Mr. Edward Polak, were filled by the nomination and election of Mr. Ezra Cohen and Miss Charlotte Schetter.

The membership of the Board when the Foundation was first formed contained the names of Samuel Seabury, John Moody, Charles T. Root, Louis F. Post, James R. Brown, E. Yancey Cohen, Mr. Charles O'Connor Hennessey, Arthur Pleydell, Chas. H. Ingersoll, Frederic C. Leubuscher, John J. Murphy, George L. Rusby, Albert Schalkenbach, Lawson Purdy, Edward Polak, Frank Stephens, Richard Eyre, Walter Fairchild, Bolton Hall, John H. Allen, and our editor of LAND AND FREEDOM, Joseph Dana Miller.

Of that brilliant company, many have passed away, others have resigned and splendid new workers (trustees) have been elected from time to time, so that the present roster (including the new elections of officers at the recent meeting) stands as follows:

Hon. Lawson Purdy, president; Mr. Lancaster M. Green, Vice-President; Mr. Albert Pleydell, 2nd Vice-President; Mr. Henry George Atkinson, Treasurer; Mrs. Anna George deMille; Messrs. John H. Allen, John W. Angus, Otto K. Dorn, Walter Fairchild, Philip H. Cornick, Charles H. Ingersoll, Thomas Larkin, Frederic C. Leubuscher, Raymond V. McNally, Charles J. Post, Leonard T. Recker, George Rusby, Albert E. Schalkenbach, Bolton Hall, Ezra Cohen and Charlotte Schetter.

President Purdy reported that the Foundation has printed or bought from other publishers for distribution, 90,515 books.

The inventory stands at 11,453 books.

54,000 books have been distributed by the Foundation to the general public, libraries, bookstores, Single Tax groups, colleges, high schools and other institutions.

18,562 books have been sent by it to the Henry George School of Social Science and its extensions, on purchase, for use in the classes conducted by these schools, and also in some degree for the personal use of some of the extension leaders who engage in additional missionary work over and above the time given so generously by them to their classes.

6,500 books representing one-half of recent large printings of "Progress and Poverty", "Protection or Free Trade?" and "The Science of Political Economy" have been purchased by the local Henry George School for future use.

The current year shows 13,111 books sent out from the Foundation office, 4,410 going to extension classes, 3,874 to the public through Foundation work, and 4,827 to the local Henry George School.

President Purdy stated that the really fine "Science of Political Economy"—new American edition, the first single volume edition since 1898—has appealed not only to our own Henry George followers, but to the bookstore public, and plans are being made to obtain a wide distribution of the title.

Interest of the general public in this title and other Henry George titles was considerably furthered by the mention of the printing of 10,000 "Progress and Poverty", 2,000 "Protection or Free Trade?" and 1,000 of the new "Science of Political Economy", in Harry Hanson's Book Mark column, syndicated in a number of Scripps-Howard papers, and appearing originally in the May 3 issue of the *World Telegram*, New York.

In the early part of the year Mr. Morris Van Veen suggested to the acting secretary, Miss Peterson, that a donation of Henry George books to the White House Library would be helpful. Miss Peterson obtained information concerning the White House Library and received the permission of the secretary to arrange such a gift. Upon returning to the work at the office, the undersigned found that this was one of the matters to be forwarded, and further arranged with Mr. McIntyre, secretary to the President, that our trustee, John H. Allen, make the presentation. "Progress and Poverty", "Protection or Free Trade?", "Social Problems", "The Land Question", "The Life of Henry George", the new "Science of Political Economy", "A Perplexed Philosopher", "The Prophet of San Francisco" and "The Philosophy of Henry George", are now in the White House Library, a library started by President Hoover, to serve future presidents. Every four years a committee of publishers selects a list of books which are formally presented and added to the collection. Mr. Van Veen, noticing that the writings of Henry George were not included, was prompted to make this suggestion which was fruitful of much good.

On May 9, the office received a most cordial letter from President Roosevelt himself, stating that he was delighted with the gift, and that he, being not unfamiliar with the principles expounded by Henry George, was glad to have the set of books for his library.

A report of this acknowledgment appeared in the Hansen Book Marks column of the *World Telegram*, May 13.

Mr. Alfred N. Chandler, active for many years in forwarding land value taxation measures in the New Jersey legislature, spoke with Ex-Governor Hoffman recently