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INTEREST

R. Wynne

Students of Henry George know that there are only two fundamental and necessary factors in the production of wealth, i.e., land and labour. Capital is a contingent or accidental factor. As hydrogen and oxygen are the elements of water so are land and labour the elements of wealth. As steam is a form of water in a volatile and active state so is capital a form of wealth in a kinetic state. Capital is therefore a kinetic compound of land and labour. That being so, interest, which is the share of capital in the distribution of wealth must also be a compound of rent and wages.

The writer was brought up in a rural and neighbourly community where capital of all forms was lent freely without expectation of interest. Interest was left to distribute itself along the primitive avenues of rent and wages. This is natural to a community where land and labour are in intimate contact. The third avenue of distribution, interest, does not come into being until the society reaches the artificial stage of being somewhat divorced from nature.

There is evidence in United States law that the idea of 5% being a fair and normal rate of interest was based upon the twenty year rent as a fair price for land or the rent capitalized at 5%.

It follows that were the rent of land taken by the state the normal rate of interest would fall to zero; the rate fluctuating above and even below that point. That is to say that at times people with capital would be willing to forgo a part in order to save the remainder. This thought is corroborated by the knowledge of the ease with which an abundance of wealth could be converted into capital under a complete Georgist economy.

We therefore have, in the philosophy of Henry George, not only a complete answer to socialism and communism but to the money reformers as well.

(This is a condensation of a paper read to the Georgist Club of Hamilton.)

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Henry George was a great man. He is the only economist I ever read with whom I could find no fault. He was the only economic philosopher of capitalism. If the capitalists had paid any attention to him they would not be in the mess they are to-day. -- Dorothy Thompson

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE HENRY GEORGE SOCIETY

The Annual Meeting of the Henry George Society was held on Saturday, March 29th at the Y. W. C. A., Toronto. Some 60 people were present, including representatives from Hamilton and Oshawa.

After dinner, the President, Mr. Ross, called the meeting to order and made a brief speech congratulating the Society for the representative gathering. He then called on the Secretary-Treasurer for her reports. (See pages 4-6) Reports were given of the work done in Montreal, Ottawa, Oshawa, Hamilton and Victoria. (See pages 7-9)

A short statement was made in regard to funds by our ex Treasurer and an appeal was made for funds to carry on the work. This can only be done by every member at least paying his annual dues and whenever possible sending a donation.

Mr. Ernest Farmer gave a short talk on "How to Abolish Modern Slavery" and showed how the Georgian philosophy would accomplish it.

Mr. J. H. L. Patterson was then called on to give a survey of the Sirois Report, which he did at some length showing how many of the recommendations of the Single Tax Brief were dealt with approvingly but doubtless owing to the illness of Mr. Rowell the final recommendations contradicted those in the body of the report.

The evening was enlivened by singing "Should God's Commandments Be Forgotten" and "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" and was closed by a short address by Arthur B. Farmer who reminded us that even though few in numbers we had an important contribution to make to the thought of the world and that a small candle can be seen a long way off in the midst of darkness.

The following officers and committee were elected for the coming year: Honorary President: Arthur W. Roebuck, M. P.; President: A. C. Ross; Vice Presidents: Ernest J. Farmer, J. H. L. Patterson, Dorothy E. Coate; Secretary-Treasurer: Edith C. Thompson; Associate Secretary: Dorothy E. Coate; Committee: Arthur B. Farmer, Dr. Stanley T. Floyd, W. J. Ingram, Florence Macdonald, Louisa Macdonald, J. A. Martin, Carroll C. March, Miss M. Q. Ollerhead, Alan C. Thompson, L. B. Walling and W. R. Williams.

Those in charge of this meeting thought it went off very well. But most things can be improved upon and we would be glad to hear helpful criticism of this gathering so that next year's meeting may be the best ever. Let's have your suggestions now.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

During the year the School held classes in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Hamilton and St. Catharines.

In Toronto three classes were conducted in Progress and Poverty, two under the leadership of Mr. Carroll March and one led by Mr. Ernest Farmer. 14 received diplomas. Another group started but did not complete the course. Mr. Owens conducted a group at the Duke Street Men's Hostel which was greatly appreciated by the men.

Reports will be given later of the work done in Montreal, Ottawa, Oshawa, Hamilton and Victoria.

Another group was started in St. Catharines but did not complete the course.

We are glad to report that we have had one correspondent student complete the course in Fundamental Economics, Mr. A. J. M. Poole of Kelwood, Manitoba.

During the year the Executive Committee of the Society held 8 meetings.

Mr. Owens' contract with the Society expired last June and due to lack of funds was not renewed. It was decided to keep the office open for the time being and to have Edith Thompson act as secretary-treasurer at her former salary. Mr. A. C. Ross kindly offered to spend some time in the office, without salary. Mr. Owens is now living in Ottawa and working for the Government and we all wish him every success in his new position.

We recently appointed Mr. Owens our Canadian correspondent to Land and Freedom, New York.

We regret to record the deaths of the following: Mrs. Wesley E. Barker, of London; Messrs. John Carroll, Fred Lake and Thomas Slack of Toronto and Mr. E. S. Gilbert of Hamilton.

The Society has received donations of valuable books and pamphlets from Mr. George Bryan of Toronto and the late Mr. Gilbert of Hamilton.

We contributed \$21.84 to the expenses of the St. Catharines classes last year. We supplied the Hamilton Club with letterhead stationery. We gave duplicate books and pamphlets to the Montreal and Hamilton groups for their libraries. The Society assisted the Henry George Club of Victoria in sending a series of three letters on the "Proposal to Transfer of Education from Municipalities to the Province of British Columbia." The Toronto office supplied the paper and

did the mimeographing, addressing and mailing of 350 copies of each letter. The Victoria Club provided the envelopes and postage.

We have sent out letters for the Sales Tax Repeal Association dealing with the repeal of the Sales Tax and the Process Tax to Ottawa, the newspapers and millers throughout Canada.

The Society has sent letters to all Members of Parliament at Ottawa, to the press and others.

We are glad to note letters by various members appearing in the local press. We are particularly pleased to see several recently from the Hamilton graduates.

Studies have been made by some of our members of the Sirois Commission's Report.

According to press reports, Premier Hepburn is willing to consider specific suggestions for the revision of the Ontario Assessment Act. Our Society has taken advantage of this opportunity and a series of letters have been prepared by Mr. Arthur Farmer and Mr. Patterson. Three of these have been sent and we have received very cordial acknowledgments from Hepburn's Secretary but nothing further. Copies of these letters were sent to Mayor Conboy and Mr. A. J. B. Gray, Chief Supervisor of the Department of Municipal Affairs, Queen's Park.

During the year our members have addressed several organizations in Toronto as well as in Oshawa, Ottawa, Hamilton and elsewhere and have been favorably received. Mr. Arthur Farmer addressed the Economics Club of McMaster University, Hamilton, at their request, on "The Singular or Unique Tax," and from all reports it was a very successful meeting and the audience was most impressed with Mr. Farmer's remarks.

During the year we have published six numbers of the Square Deal with an average of 16 pages per issue. The Hamilton Club asked if they might have space for their news and this was gladly granted and Mr. Donald Hamon was elected as the Hamilton correspondent. Our readers expressed their approval of this page so we invited the Montreal group to send us in news of their activities and they selected Mr. C. L. Huckabone as their correspondent. We have been very encouraged to receive several new subscriptions from the Montreal graduates. We wish to express our thanks to all who have contributed material and expressed appreciation with the Square Deal.

Regular luncheon meetings are held Wednesdays at one o'clock at the Dutch Inn. Mr. Spencer Heath of New York,

Mr. H. B. Cowan of Peterborough and Mr. J. H. Haining of Windsor have joined us at these gatherings.

The secretary wishes to thank all those who have co-operated with her, particularly Miss Coate, Mr. Ernest Farmer, Mr. Owens and Mr. Ross.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
HENRY GEORGE SOCIETY and SCHOOL OF ECONOMIC SCIENCE
From April 1, 1940 to March 1, 1941

RECEIPTS

Cash on hand April 1st	\$ 52.54
Square Deal	53.96
Book Depot	64.97
General	87.88
Henry George Foundation of Canada	1,100.00
Memberships	25.00
Subscriptions to Society	249.48
Subscriptions to School of Economic Science	77.06
	<u>\$1,710.89</u>

DISEURSEMENTS

Square Deal #	\$ 30.70
Book Depot	89.69
General (including rent and telephone)	263.43
Expense	17.82
Postage	64.68
Salaries (Secretary and stenographer from April 1 to June 15; Secretary from June 15 to March 1)	876.50
Travel	5.80
School of Economic Science	67.27
Stationery (including material used for Square Deal)	136.76
Collection, Exchange, Bank Charges	10.78
	<u>\$1,563.43</u>
Cash on hand March 1st	7.81
In Bank, Henry George Society	129.86
In Bank, School of Economic Science	9.79
	<u>\$1,710.89</u>

See Stationery

The foregoing is a resume of report of the auditor. The complete report with auditor's signed statement may be seen at the Society's office by those interested.

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REPORTS OF WORK DONE IN OUTSIDE CENTRESMONTREAL

July, 1940: Two weeks course held every evening. Teacher, Mr. Frank Chodorov, New York. Teachers Training course with 20 pupils.

September: Democracy Vs. Socialism -- Teacher, Mrs. Louise Boudler, 15 pupils.

October: Two classes in Progress and Poverty -- Teacher, Miss M. Bateman. 37 pupils enrolled -- 23 graduated. One class in Protection or Free Trade -- Teacher, Mr. Gerald Walsh -- 15 pupils, 12 pupils graduated.

December: Graduation in Stevenson Hall for fall classes.

January: Two classes in Progress and Poverty -- Teachers, Mr. Gerald Walsh and Miss Strethel Walton -- 36 pupils, 22 graduated. One class in Protection or Free Trade -- Teacher, Mr. Percy Mellott -- 16 pupils, 9 graduated. One class in The Science of Political Economy -- Teacher, Mr. John Anderson -- 6 pupils, 3 graduated.

February: One class in Progress and Poverty -- Teacher, Mr. Alex Mathieson -- 19 pupils enrolled, not finished.

March: One class in Progress and Poverty starting March 25th -- 9 pupils -- Teacher, Mrs. Louise Boudler.

Strethel Walton, Secretary.

OTTAWA

We started with a class of 14 but three of these were forced to drop out later. One of the men moved away from the city after our first class. However he had bought a copy of the book and some time later I heard from him. He told me he was going ahead with his study of it and was quite enthusiastic about it. He said it was the greatest book he had ever known with the exception of the Bible. I didn't object to that one exception. Two of the others found that their work made it impossible to keep up their attendance at the classes. The others finished the course.

I advised the class very strongly to start right away and read the book over a second time.

At the end of the course most of the members wanted a further meeting to discuss "Social Credit." They wanted to learn what it was and what the Henry George answer was.

Our course lasted a good deal longer than 10 weeks because we adjourned for 3 or 4 weeks over the Christmas Holidays and we found it better to divide several of the lessons

into two parts.

The classes were held at my own home and after the class we always had tea and cake, during which time the discussion was general and informal.

Mr. H. T. Owens attended all the classes and added greatly to the success of the class by stimulating discussion and giving illustrations which explained the answers.

At the last regular class Hon. Arthur Roebuck came in at refreshment time and gave us a little talk. This was very interesting and helpful.

On the whole I think the class was very successful.

We are already getting names of possible members for next season's class. Members of this year's class are assisting in this.

In spite of the war we hope to have a good class next season, and expect a larger attendance.

H. G. Barber, Secretary

OSHAWA

No classes were held here during the year on account of the night work necessitated by the war. However, many Georgist books have been loaned and phone calls received asking for advice on what economic books to read. A survey of the Georgist books in the Library has been made. Interest has been aroused in George's philosophy.

M. H. Moffatt, Secretary

HAMILTON

A Fall class in Progress and Poverty was held at 80 Victoria Ave. S. with Mr. John Wilson as leader. Six students graduated and showed much enthusiasm.

In the Spring two classes were started but the students were unable to continue, mostly because of the accelerating war effort.

A class of graduates was held at 80 Victoria Ave. S. with the Secretary as official leader. (Textbook -- The Science of Political Economy.) So ardent are the discussions that scarcely half the lessons are covered in each session. There is an average attendance of seven.

Graduates have contributed freely to the local press and to the Star. Almost all our contributions in "Letters to the Editor" are now accepted. We seem to be gaining prestige.

The Review, a Hamilton weekly, requested the Secretary to write an article on Mr. Hepburn's finance plan. This article appeared among four or five by accredited and well known economists. The Henry George way out was not passed by.

On March 4, we were invited to address the Economics Club of McMaster University on "The Single Tax." We decided

to ask Mr. A. B. Farmer, a former graduate of McMaster to relieve us of this task. We have heard complimentary remarks.

R. Wynne, Secretary

VICTORIA

Early last spring we noticed in the press a report of a timber deal in which the Alward interests of Duluth, Minnesota, made a two million dollar sale of B. C. timber to the Robert Dollar interests. We sent out a rather sharply-worded circular to the M.P.P.s and the public, calling attention to it and its implications. Mr. A. Wells Gray, Minister of Lands and Forests sent me a note inviting me to call at his office and have a chat about it. I accepted and took along three of the boys with me. We argued the matter with him. He tried to put all the responsibility on politicians of the past but we insisted that the current government was responsible for the laws as they stood and should repeal or amend them whenever necessary.

Just before the House met in the fall (knowing that politicians, and others, have short memories) we gave them another circular. The Square Deal received and published a copy of that one.

We had an interview with the Saanich Municipal Council. We also addressed the Ministerial Association and gave each of 27 ministers a copy of the pamphlet "Thy Kingdom Come" by Henry George.

Mr. Fred W. Davey (ex Collector of Customs), Mr. H. H. Hollins and I have had quite a few letters in the Times and Colonist during the year.

I notice that the newspapers here are beginning to publish items about Henry George and Single Tax of their own bats, so I infer that at long last they are beginning to be impressed with the true philosophy.

Alexander Hamilton, President

(The Victoria Club also sent out three letters on the proposal to transfer costs of education from the municipalities to the Province. This letter went to Members of Parliament, Women's Institutes, School Associations, Reeves and others. -- Ed.)

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ASTOUNDING ECONOMIC DISCOVERY

The very poor must not be denied the prime necessity of life simply because they cannot afford to pay.

-- The Economist, London.

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COMPETITION RESULTS

Alas and alack! We evidently lacked clearness in explaining the kind of question we desired, for the entries sent in, though interesting in themselves, failed to fill our most important condition.

We asked for concrete problems, because we wish to reach the ordinary man who thinks in terms of things which he can see, hear or feel.

To such a man, political economy is a sealed book, but he is interested in problems which he can see affecting his home and family, his business, his neighbours, and people like himself in other places. We want to make him realize that the mortgage on his house is the result of our country's failure to obey natural law.

The questions sent in by our readers were almost all couched in the abstract phraseology of political economy. Mr. Average Citizen, glancing at them, would fail to realize their bearing on his struggle to earn a living. Regretfully the judges were forced to disqualify all but one.

Of the eligible competitors, Mr. A. M. Patience of Montreal came nearest to grasping the idea of presenting a problem in terms of daily life. He, therefore, receives the only prize to be awarded at this time. His question was:

"Science has now reached the point where it can and does produce more than the people can buy each year. Money and credits are insufficient to buy the years production." -- What is wrong? -- Where does the balance go?"

The following questions were submitted by persons too closely connected with the judges to be eligible for prizes. Their writers will receive pins.

"Why are valuable buildings torn down in Toronto and the sites left vacant? Who benefit by this destruction?" A.C.T

"A little boy was killed while playing ball on our street. Why can we not all have backyards big enough to let our children play ball in safety?" -- D. E. C.

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Politician: One who stands for what he thinks the voters will fall for.

A Good Speech: An address with a good beginning and a good ending, kept very close together.

HAMILTON NEWS PAGE

Donald Hamon

ACTIVE SERVICE: At this time our sincere wishes are being extended to two members of our group who have answered a call to the service of Canada.

The recently-elected president of the Hamilton Group, Howard Stobbs, has joined the R. C. A. F., while Charles Hannaford is with the Canadian Army.

Although their influence will be missed here, we know they will carry their enthusiasm for Georgeist ideals where ever fate may take them. And we wish for them every success on their venture and a safe return.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES: During the month of April, ten members of the Hamilton group completed the course in the Science of Political Economy. This course was started in January but the lessons opened so many avenues of thought, worthy of further exploration, that the course could not be completed in the allotted time. However, it is certain that the extra time was well spent for in following out the discussions Georgeist principles were indelibly impressed. Mr. Wynne was the mentor for the course and was assisted by other members.

LADIES AUXILIARY: At the April meeting the Hamilton Group made another step forward. Although a number of ladies have graduated from the School, the Club membership has been comprised of only men. However, largely through the efforts of our new librarian, a recent graduate, Miss Currell, there was a good attendance of ladies at the April meeting. This is a step we have been trying to accomplish for some time in order to widen our scope of activities.

VICE PRESIDENT ELECTED: As Howard Stobbs, the new president of the Hamilton Group, has joined the Air Force, Donald Hamon was elected vice-president to carry out the term.

A NEW SERIES: At the April meeting another angle of thought was presented to the Club. President Stobbs and Donald Hamon gave two thought-provoking discourses on the "Economics and Social Life of the Bible." Some very interesting parallels and comparisons of Biblical and modern social laws and conditions were discussed. It opened a new field of exploration and with the enthusiasm shown for it, it has been decided to continue this study further and prepare a course or series of lectures on this subject.

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What a boon to women if permanent waves would last half as long as temporary taxes!

MONTREAL NEWS

C. L. Huckabone

A very successful meeting of 75 graduates, advanced students and friends took place in Stevenson Hall, May 8, 1941. Mr. John Anderson occupied the chair and opened the meeting with well chosen and inspiring words. There followed an address on "The Philosophy of Freedom" by Mr. Alex Mathieson. Then Mrs. Russell delivered an appropriate address. The Rev. Mr. Burgoyne told of the dire need for reform and spoke of personal experiences where wage earners were forced to survive on ridiculously meagre incomes. The guest speaker of the evening, Mr. Rubin, delivered a message which told of the great difficulties in getting people to grasp an understanding of the fundamentals in social economics which would bring about an improvement in general. The "pet" methods Mr. Rubin advanced in gaining interest were very well received. Mr. William Sims' admission of his desire to spread Georgism was the outspoken thought of many other students. Mr. Jerry Walsh outlined the accomplishments of "The School -- Past, Present and Future." Delicious coffee, sandwiches and cake were served, in abundance, at the close of the meeting.

Several students who feel the urge to be able to lead a course in the study of Fundamental Economics, have just finished an intensive review of "Progress and Poverty" and are very much indebted to Mr. Jerry Walsh for giving valuable time and effort to the thought of the comfort and happiness of other people.

Our classes for the season are almost finished, there being only two more sessions of Fundamental Economics. There will not be any new classes starting until September.

It is pleasing news that has come to our attention that several members of one class who finished Fundamental Economics and International Trade have become such enthusiastic students that they are starting to go through the first course once more starting in June.

Mr. Anderson entertained on April 18th last when Miss Bateman and Miss McCarthy were visiting in Montreal for a few days.

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Taxation: The art of picking the goose as to secure the greatest amount of feathers with the least amount of squawking.

litical Bedfellows: Those who like the same bunk.

NOVA SCOTIA NOTES

John Buchanan

Our N. S. Local Government is about to establish an up-to-date coal generated electricity plant. They are talking -- and talking -- of getting a meat killing centre, also trying to have feed prices reduced. Very laudable endeavours but hardly enough of fundamental root-pruning to help very much.

Our apples are all marketed under a Central Marketing Board. I can sell a few barrels of apples direct to a store in my own county, but I cannot sell to the rest of Nova Scotia though I may give away a barrel to a friend.

The advantages of Central selling are a distinct tendency to give the better types of fruit as MacIntosh and Northern Spy the preference, and only to allow the highest grades of them to be sold for raw consumption. Then we evidently this year are about to modernize our barrel by compelling the use of the large Ontario flat hoop. Such marketing does away with undue competition.

On the other hand while we at present control our organisation fairly well, the sure result of such is to become a trade. The inspectors, the officials, sales force, and finally the manager may and I believe will in the future become a party. Jobs will come before principles. Cut-throat competition is due to unfair advantages; in itself is good but too much leads to lowered standards of honor and duty. At present the Board is 75% A. 1.

I grow 4,000 to 5,000 barrels of apples.

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TORONTO NEWS

We regret to record the passing of Mrs. Mary M. Floyd, aged 94, who died on April 6th. Mrs. Floyd is survived by three sons, Dr. Stanley T. and William M., members of our Society, and Leslie H. We extend to them the deepest sympathy in this great loss.

Miss Margaret Bateman paid Headquarters a visit on April 12th. She is most enthusiastic about her work as Assistant Director of the Henry George School of Social Science, New York, and we are sure she will bring back many helpful suggestions for the work in Canada.

Recently this office has sent three copies of "Progress and Poverty" to Peace River. We are glad to know there is some activity out there.

TORONTO: We were surprised and pleased to note on a recent visit to the Reading Room of the Legislative Library at Queen's Park that there is an up-to-date file of "Land & Freedom" of New York.

Commenting on the above Mr. Robert Clancy writes: "You may be interested to know that our journal goes to all the Provincial Government Libraries as well as the libraries of the major cities and universities of Canada, and the Dominion Government Library. This is made possible through the kindness of patrons."

Extension Secretary Robert Wynne of Hamilton visited the office on April 26th and spent some time discussing Georgist work generally.

Miss Dorothy Coate, Vice President and Associate Secretary of the Henry George Society, has gone to Rosseau until November.

Congratulations to Ivor Wynne, son of our Hamilton Extension Secretary. According to a recent press report, Mr. Wynne, a last year's graduate of McMaster University in Political Economy, who is attending the Ontario College of Education here this year is one of the outstanding students. Mr. Wynne has not completed his course at O. C. E. but he has been sent to teach at Bloor Collegiate and is specializing in Physical Training and Mathematics.

A CHANGE IN OFFICE ARRANGEMENTS IS BEING MADE. The office will be open at certain times with volunteers in charge. No office hours have been arranged as yet.

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AMERICAN NEWS

HARTFORD, Conn.: Three new classes were inaugurated during the week of April 14. This is the 4th year that classes have been held here and there are now over 400 graduates.

CHICAGO, Ill.: Frank Chodorov, Director of the New York School of Social Science, was guest of honor at a series of regional reunions of graduates in this area during the week of March 24th.

An economist's bus tour of Chicago -- Laboratory Lesson IX-A -- is scheduled for June 15. Many opportunities exist in Chicago to point out the operation of economic laws. The "economist's tour" idea, which was tried out for the first time last fall, proved an excellent method for driving home basic truths by concrete illustration.

BOSTON, Mass.: Five elementary classes opened here instead the customary two. Mr. Van Leeuwen's class at Franklin developed an intense interest on the part of his students

who represent the leading citizens of Franklin.

Commencement for students of the winter term was held on March 31st. The attendance was nearly 300 and the graduates numbered 127.

Three advanced classes opened during April covering "Practical Economics and Teacher Training, International Trade, The Science of Political Economy."

The Henry George Institute of New England has taken over the responsibility for the Boston Extension of the Henry George School.

DETROIT, Mich.: The High Schools here will be canvassed this spring by speakers from the Henry George School. Several schools have already been addressed.

NEWARK, N. J.: Otto Hansen, a graduate of the School, now a machinist in the Kearny ship yards, provides his own chalk but uses the hull of the ship he is working on as his blackboard when teaching his fellow workers (during lunch hour) about "land, labor and capital."

NEW YORK, N. Y.: The Robert Schalkenbach Foundation announces the incorporation of the American Journal of Economics and Sociology. The Journal will be a quarterly publication devoted to scholarly papers dealing with the social sciences. The Journal has secured the cooperation of a group of distinguished specialists, who will act as an editorial advisory board and pass upon material intended for publication in the Journal.

All the collaborators in this enterprise will serve without compensation. A grant from the Schalkenbach Foundation provides for the expense of publication. The first issue of the Journal will appear in the autumn of 1941, and quarterly thereafter. The subscription price will be \$3.00 per annum, \$1.00 for a single issue.

The Journal of Economics and Sociology will be an important innovation; it will be unique of its kind. For the first time in history there will be made available to students of economics papers by professors and economists of national and international reputation, who will discuss economic and social questions in the light of Georgeist theory. The Journal will not be edited for a popular readership, but rather for advanced students and scholars in philosophy, sociology, economics, and related fields.

Plans for the First International Conference of the Henry George School of Social Science to be held in New York on July 9, 10, 11 and 12 are nearly completed. If you cannot attend in person, but can submit a paper to be read before the conference, get your manuscript in early. Address all communications to Burt Levey, in care of the New York School, 30 East 29th Street.

NEW YORK, N. Y.: A class consisting exclusively of members of the Rabbinate meets at the Society for the Advancement of Judaism. Frank Chodorov is the instructor. The class is the result of the efforts of Rabbi Ira Eisenstein.

The April enrolment at the Headquarters School is 200. This brings the total figure for 1941 to 1800 and revives the School's most welcome problem, the shortage of classroom space.

A class for the study of Henry George has been formed among the students of City College of New York according to Leo Satz, a member of the sophomore class. Mr. Satz is the founder of the Henry George Society at City College. Marshall de Angelis is the instructor. Professor Hastings is acting as Faculty Adviser.

SPRINGFIELD, Vt.: The first class of the Henry George School ever held in Vermont has just been completed. It was under the leadership of Heman Chase of Alstead, N. H.

MILWAUKEE, Wis.: A new class in Fundamental Economics was organized here on April 21.

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EMPIRE NEWS

GREAT BRITAIN: The British Society of Friends has circulated posters which read:

REMOVE A BASIC CAUSE OF WAR
Provide Access for All Nations
to the
World's Resources and Markets
Will You Pay This Price
For Peace?

The Henry George Foundation has sent, at the request of the Education Officer of one of the Home Forces Divisional Headquarters, a set of twelve copies of Progress and Poverty with Social Science Manuals and other material for a Unit in the Division desirous of taking a course in economics. The Captain in charge has since written gratefully accepting the gift on behalf of the men wishing to study.

Resulting from the public meeting in the Burslem Town Hall on 23rd February some forty new students were enrolled for the economic classes conducted by the Henry George Fellowship of Stoke-on-Trent. The meeting was given an extensive report in the Evening Sentinel of Hanley, and there followed a spirited correspondence in the columns of that paper between supporters and opponents or critics of the

Henry George principle and policy, which was carried on almost daily till near the end of March.

ENGLAND: Arthur Mee, the author of many famous books, is also editor of the widely circulated English weekly, "The Children's Newspaper." Nearly every issue now contains an extract from George's books.

AUSTRALIA: Newport, N. S. W.: The second annual conference of the School was held on the 7th, 8th and 9th of February at the W. E. A. Summer School here. All the sessions were well attended, and there was a steady stream of visitors throughout.

One of the most pleasing features of the conference was the presence of a large number of new faces among the young people present, and they contributed notably to the papers and discussions. The conference concluded on Sunday afternoon with a session on "The New Social Order," Mr. Dowe's paper on the subject being broadcast by Stations 2KY and 2KO. Appreciation of the free services of Station 2KO, Newcastle, was conveyed through Mr. J. Brandon, whose fine work at Newcastle during the past year has resulted in a branch of the School being formed there, of which Mr. Fairhall, the manager and owner of Station 2KO, is a supporter.

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FOREIGN NEWS

ARGENTINE: Sr. B. Machello, of Rosario, has found a popular method of teaching the principles of Henry George. Thanks to the co-operation of the Cinematografia Colon Studios, Sr. Machello has had the use of a moving picture theatre in which to give a series of lectures illustrated with pictorial slides.

CHINA: The government here has recently adopted the self-valuation method of land values. That is, the landowner makes his own valuation, with the understanding that he must sell at that price. This will prevent his trying to evade paying taxes through a low evaluation; obviously he will not burden himself with a high levy through over-valuation.

PUERTO RICO: The land question becomes more acute daily in Puerto Rico. Fortunately, a new party with pronounced agrarian principles has just been elected to the legislative chambers. Much is expected of them by every one. On the other hand, the Washington authorities do not endorse very enthusiastically our efforts to break up land monopoly and distribute the land among the greatest possible number of farmers. Only in this manner can land monopoly and absentee landlordism be killed. -- Land and Freedom, N. Y.

BOOK REVIEW

"THE PHILOSOPHY OF FREEDOM" by Gaston Haxo. Publishers, Land and Freedom, 150 Nassau St., New York.

This book is a study in fundamental economics based on Henry George's Progress and Poverty, in plain and simple language, and well adapted for study groups. In the early chapters, such theories as were current before the writings of Henry George as those of Malthus on population and the 'Wage Fund' theory of political scientists are treated briefly and disproved.

When he takes up the laws governing the distribution of wealth, he adopts the error of Henry George on interest and assumes that "capital devoted to the purpose of exchange acquires a power of increase similar to that which attaches to capital used in productive modes. . . . the increase is unquestionably the natural reward of capital." However, he fails to explain how production of this or any other kind can be carried on apart from the use of land, labor and capital. The reproductive forces of nature can only be utilized by using land and so do not differ in principle from any other method of production.

The cause of interest is land monopoly and as long as capital can be used to buy rent producing land it will not be loaned to industry for a smaller return than rent. The rate is fixed by the law of supply and demand like the price of everything else. While this is an error yet when dealing with interest itself his deductions are correct, though he fails to realize that it is not a normal division of production and under just conditions of equal opportunity, it will disappear.

His diagrams are very helpful and explanatory and here he shows how interest is paid out of wages.

As a simplification of Progress and Poverty, particularly in regard to the very controversial opening chapters, it is a valuable addition to the literature of the movement especially as a text book for the Henry George classes.

-- Alan C. Thompson

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Committee: A group of men who keep minutes and waste hours.

Bloc: A minority group often led by a bloc-head.

Petition: A list of persons who did not have the backbone to say "No."

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"The land, therefore, of every country, is the common property of the people of that country, because its real owner, the Creator who made it, has transferred it as a voluntary gift to them." -- Dr. Thos. Multy, Bishop of Meath.

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