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Mr. Erwin Kauffman  
4038 Rucklo Ave.  
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Kauffman:

A great many changes have taken place since I last had the pleasure of seeing you here in New York. At that time, you remember, our principle activities were those of the Manhattan Single Tax Club. However, if you could drop in at the Henry George School of Social Science, you would see hundreds of students coming here every day in the week for serious discussion of the problems of the day in the light of Henry George. You would not only note a tremendous advance in educational methods, but would also receive a thrill that comes to a Georgist only once or twice in a lifetime.

2 This week, for instance, we are opening a mid-winter term of classes here at the headquarters with an enrollment of over seventeen hundred students, which will tax our classroom facilities beyond capacity. We are opening up the library and the office for additional seating capacity, and are still short of room. All this, in addition to numerous extension classes conducted throughout the metropolitan district.

3 This success in interesting students has prompted us to get busy at once in an endeavor to raise enough money to enable the School to equip the two remaining unfinished floors of the building, which will practically double the classroom capacity, and at the same time reduce the cost per student quite materially. Mr. Francis Neilson has kindly offered to pay one third of the cost of this job, providing we raise the other two thirds.

4 I am writing to invite you to help us in this endeavor. Anything you can do, large or small, either individually or by the St. Louis or Indianapolis group, will be greatly appreciated; and I assure you that your contribution will be put to work in a most efficient manner.

Yours very truly,