

*Memorandum to the Students of the H. G. S. of the  
possibility of forming a Henry George Fellowship through  
their individual efforts.*  
April 19, 1934.

This is possibly a historic date for the Henry George Movement, for we have together tonight as students and friends of this School to unite in an even closer of union, to be known as the Henry George Fellowship.

The qualifications for membership are two, as given in the statement made to class last week.

1. Understanding of the Henry George theory as given in "Progress Poverty."
2. Interest and effort in forwarding this cause, for the ultimate

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dom of man.

/And we have also in mind the purpose of forming a Student Council, to act as Executive Committee of this Fellowship.

You may well wonder why I happen to be presenting these things tonight! I, wondered just how it is, and feel it right to take a minute to explain as far as well, it just grew, rapidly, since the Saturday before last.

Intuition perhaps, friendship perhaps, God I feel sure, led me to seek the under the effort I observed being made in this School. Efforts for man, by a man aided by his wife, widely separated from his only son, with whom a keen sympathy exists, -- these efforts being made without thought of personal reward, a true "first the Kingdom of Heaven, a true trusting of the promise that all things now be added."

This was Soul-stuff. This was the faith that might move mountains.

I came over to the School on Easter, Monday evening, and asked to be told far those voluntary subscriptions mentioned in Land & Freedom were supporting careful books and printed data prepared for the School Trustees by the director clear that unless strong hands soon helped the ship would cease her brave journey would founder. That was unthinkable.

I spent a warm Wednesday of that week, with our leader, his wife, and our secretary, out-doors, in the sun. The impression of soul-stuff, and yet actual to be met deepened. Should not all of use be willing to look facts in the face

realize our own great privilege in being so closely associated with one who dares to  
dangerously for the sake of the truth which he believed will bless men. Have we not  
duty here,-- to help if we can. Two years ago, our leader had taken his all to put  
this School, and bravely his help mate walked at his side up to the edge of today,  
19th, when fifty friends have rallied round to form with him a Fellowship which has  
one of the deep peaceful dreams, of this friend of ours, Oscar H. Gelger.

May we stand a moment in his honor and quietude, think of these words from Frank  
Chodorov's letter to the first number of Land & Freedom this year.

"May he who gives life be generous to us by preserving Oscar Gelger for  
many years, and may the Single Taxers help him carry on his work by their  
financial help."

Was it that this plan to get together began that Easter Saturday when I deterred  
to face the facts, or was it when Oscar Gelger chose to put first things first, two  
ago? Or was it when Henry George riding in the desert saw a great light on his path  
When, if ever, need this meeting and, if we continue to grow in vision and power  
Seeking for a way to begin, we three talked the whole thing over, round the  
table up-stairs. A name was mentioned, Mrs. Anna George De Miller. I found her the  
Saturday making tea for the large roomful of young students attending the free lect  
and discussion group then listening to the earnest, vigorous, humorous and wise tea  
we know so well. They were all apparently as happy as their fellows on the playing  
fields, that Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. De Miller,--a daughter of Henry George himself, but endearing also on her own  
account, said to me,--

"If the Gray-headed Group of S.F., could see this, the school would be sold to  
Relying upon this thought of one so near and dear to Henry George himself, I  
to ask you to help in just this. We, the student body must make this school known,  
here is the plan I offer.

Heretofore --

Supported by voluntary subscriptions sent out in the name of the School.

New Idea --

To have the Students and the Student Council speaking for, and of the School

prepare the next appeal.

I have prepared a message, which I hope will be added to by those present this  
ing, in a simple way which I will explain later.

~~Message~~

"This message to the 'great outside, etc.....' I will now read to you, (and a  
close explain the way in which you all can add to its effectiveness.

Message read.

Explanation made as to why those present could  
Students opinions requested. - to be returned during week in <sup>addition</sup> postal box

Announcement of the 19 names of the Student Council. - 19 members, to organize  
to consider opinions;

Meeting Sat. April 28th, at 11 A.M. Henry George School.

About 25 students returned the postals. "The message" was  
sent with 15 of these to 4500 Single Teachers' Union ad-  
dress in file in Mr. Higgins office. (date May 28, 1934)

Mr. Charles O'Connor Hemmery, president of the  
Robert Schuchbach Translation Society, presented one of the  
copies of 'The message' from the students of the Hen-  
ry George School.

He was sufficiently impressed by it to say to  
O.H.G. at the commencement dinner, June 7, 1934

"Open - this is going to be a great thing for  
movement. Count me as one of the Charles in

Then weeks later, after 51 international replies had  
in, O.H.G. passed away suddenly of a heart attack.  
The students rallied, procured funds - opened  
local voluntarily; provided the financial from O.H.G.  
and in the fall went to work. as in the past in

\* Membership in the H.G. has developed  
along different lines. Among the some members of the