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To The Members of The Teachers
Information Bureau,
Henry George School,
New York:

In the "Report On Faculty Meeting
Oct. 13", there appears the following:
The first project is to canvass the possibilities
of giving Economics Simplified by mail in view of the
present discrepancies between Progress and Poverty
and Mr. Rusby's interpretation of it

This conveys a very false impression.
The one single objection, so far as I am aware (made by some
of the members of the Board of Directors of The School), is
to the contention made in Economics Simplified, that personal
service is not labor and does not command wages.

But this does not involve any "difference of in-
terpretation" of what Progress and Poverty teaches. In this
book Mr. George plainly and unequivocally asserts that
personal service does produce wealth; but in his "Science
of Political Economy", written, naturally, after more mature
consideration of the subject, Mr. George quite as plainly
and unequivocally contends that personal service does NOT
produce wealth.

Thus, there is no room for "difference of in-
terpretation". The question is, which of Mr. George's con-
tentions, diametrically opposed to each other, accords with
our science of economics, and which is contradictory? And
it seems to me that the answer to this question is very easy to
determine. If we take the ground that personal service
is labor, and earns wages, we must formulate an entirely new
xxx Science, with new concepts and a completely revised
set of terms and definitions. An exact science will not
tolerate inconsistencies.

With best wishes for the success of the School,

George L. Rusby.