

## *HGS Members Are Building the Future*

Every one of our contributors is a brick, and every brick in our defense wall is important, we cannot do without a single one. Some are large and some small, but all contribute to the successful design. Active memberships begin at \$10 a year, and that includes twelve issues of *The Henry George News*. Contributing, supporting and sustaining members give from \$25 to \$499 a year. At \$500 we start calling them Patrons and give them a gold scroll with a touch of red ribbon.

We receive many encouraging letters about the work of the school and they are wonderfully welcome. One of our friendly "bricks," Charles A. Hainley of Stoughton, Massachusetts, who gave \$25 last year, writes: "My increased contribution (\$120) is a reflection of my increased understanding and appreciation of the work of the HGS. I feel privileged to be associated with the important work of social reform as represented by the Henry George School."

Thanks, Mr. Hainley. As a sustaining member you will receive, in addition to HGN, the Homeowner, Land & Liberty, Good Government and Square Deal, plus a school pin to wear in your lapel.

A medieval philosopher, Maimonides, wrote that charity at its highest degree was anticipation of poverty and prevention of it. This is the kind of effort with which the HGS is concerned, for it seeks to spread enlightenment and opportunity through free education. We believe Maimonides would have approved of our principles. All contributors who agree are conspirers with us in performing this highest degree of charity which goes on steadily with unmistakable progress.

Georgists in fact are sometimes accused of "being everywhere." This is what public speakers say when the single tax is mentioned frequently at lectures or forums on the land-tax question. Yes, there are more of these graduates completing courses every year. But increasingly there are also newspaper and magazine reports advocating land value taxation. And sooner or later, when enough people of leadership status re-discover this approach to the prevention of poverty—we will all be glad we contributed generously to the defense of the common good.