

NEW SOUTH WALES Strathfield's Record

The *Sydney Morning Herald*, 4th December, reports: Alderman Firth, Mayor of Strathfield, stated at the last meeting of the Council that it had not borrowed money for 20 years, and was in an excellent financial position. A town hall had been built out of revenue, and a large number of permanent improvements had been carried out with ordinary revenue. It was intended to reduce the rate next year. Alderman Davey said that all other Councils and the Government could benefit from the financial example set by Strathfield Council.

Strathfield is one of the Sydney Metropolitan Municipalities which obtains the whole of its rate revenue by the rating of land values. Only the water and sewerage rates (levied by the Water Board) are assessed on the old basis of annual value of land and buildings.

JAPAN

The Campaign for Free Trade

Copies of *Protection or Free Trade*, by Henry George, were sent recently from the offices of the International Union, 11, Tothill Street, S.W.1, to a number of Free Trade organizations in Japan. Mr H. Taguchi, Secretary of the "Osaka Association for Liberty of Trading," acknowledging our letter, writes: "I have found the book immensely interesting and have ordered a dozen copies for distribution to members of our board." By request we have since sent to Mr Taguchi specimens of many of our publications, including reports of our three International Conferences and the Memorandum to the Economic Conference held in Geneva, May, 1927. As a matter of course, a cordial invitation was given to become affiliated with the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade—agreeable to the object of the Osaka Association itself that it shall work in co-operation with organizations in other countries having similar aims. This is stated in the booklet, published in English, explaining the work the Association has been formed to promote—the establishment of Free Trade.

The Osaka Association belongs to the Japan Federation of Associations for Liberty of Trading which has a number of branches. The movement has its monthly journal *Jiyutsusho*, of which we have been glad to receive the November and December issues. The editorial address is No. 118, Osaka Building, Nakano-shima, Osaka. From the list of contents (printed in English) it is evident that the articles are both informing and instructive, stating by fact and example the case for Free Trade. The December issue has 13 pages in English, extending a welcome to the British Economic Mission. These messages from leaders in commerce, banking and industry all sound a clarion call for the removal of tariffs and trade barriers.

SPAIN

M. J. S. writes:—

A.B.C., one of the chief daily papers of Madrid, states (12th January) that the Spanish Georgeist League, affiliated to the International Union for Land Value Taxation and Free Trade, has opened a temporary office at Alcala, 71, Madrid (the postal address will continue to be Apartado 890), and will issue its monthly organ *La Reforma Social*. The subscription is not stated, but all who read it will find it a treasury of news and reasoned argument. Our eminent co-worker, Mr Antonio Albenidin, will be responsible for its production.



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