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# **International School of Social Economy: A Correspondence and Training School for Socialists**

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Walter Thomas Mills will remove his Correspondence School from Chicago to Girard, Kansas. He will establish here a training school for Socialist Party workers.

## **The Course of Study.**

The course of study will cover the present work of his correspondence school in social economy and will add short and practical courses in political and economic history, voice culture, practice in speaking, correction of common errors in speech, practice in the preparation of addresses and in methods of study, training in the work of a canvasser and organizer, and parliamentary drill.

The school will open with a 12-week course on Wednesday, October 9th [1901].

## **A Way to Live While You Work for Socialism.**

All who take this course of study and desire to do so will be given work in the field for Socialism and on proving their ability to do the work will be kept constantly at work as speakers and organizers, and their living will be provided for.

Mr. [Julius] Wayland has put himself on a salary and will devote all the earnings from the *Appeal to Reason* and of his printing office in excess of expenses to this work. Mr. Mills also has a salary and all of the receipts of the school in excess of expenses will be used in the same way. This will provide at once a sufficient sum to keep a large number of workers constantly in the field. The paper is now earning

several hundred dollars a week and the receipts from both sources will rapidly increase as the work goes forward.

### **Men More in Demand Than Money.**

The demand is for men who can and will do this work. The workers ought to be young men or women with no one but themselves to support and who are willing to give four or five years of their time to the cause of Socialism.

### **Join the Army.**

This will be a good substituted for the military service which capitalism exacts from the young men in most countries, and will exact in increasing numbers in our own country. Most of those who might take this course and do this work and who will not, will have nothing to show for their work, whatever it may be, at the end of five years; those who do take the course and do the work may be somewhat ahead in the account when it is over, but in any event they will have obtained an experience and training which will be invaluable to them, and they will have helped to secure Socialism, and in securing Socialism they will win the world.

### **Are You Prepared to Help Carry Out Socialism?**

Socialism is coming. It is coming soon. Very soon the small towns in large numbers will have Socialist majorities. We must have a real though it be invisible army ready to take these towns and administer their affairs. Where are the men to do this who understand Socialism, parliamentary practice, know how to get out and hustle and can understand and explain to others the duties of the hour? Capitalism has a long and hard program for Socialists to defeat. Socialism must have an army of workers who will know their own program, will stand by it and carry it through in spite of the riot and confusion which capitalism, in its treason to the state, will attempt rather than consent to Socialism. Are you prepared?

If you want to help secure Socialism, or if you want to be able to help administer the affairs of the country when Socialism has been secured, you should take the correspondence course and attend the training school if possible.

## **The Local Classes and Correspondence Studies.**

The course of 20 lessons in Social Economy can be taken by correspondence, and there are now 429 names on the roll of those who are doing so. Those who contemplate taking the course in the Training School here would do well to commence at once, by beginning the correspondence lessons at home, prior to coming to the Training School.

Those who are anxious to have the benefit of a local class can both save money and greatly add to the value of their work by organizing a local class, using the printed lessons of the correspondence school, and the teacher of the local class taking the correspondence work. There are a large number of these local classes, and all are doing splendid work, and the number should be increased a thousand times.

Comrade Mills is undertaking this work on the request of the most active workers and students from every section of the country. The opening class will be a good one to be in. His work has been endorsed by the most active and capable Socialist workers, and by the whole Socialist movement of the country. He will continue his work from the out and out revolutionary standpoint, and no other. The Chicago local class will remain a part of this work, using the printed lessons and under the instruction of Mrs. May Wood Simons.

### **The Terms.**

The cost of the course at the Training School has been estimated at the lowest figure possible. The tuition for 12 weeks will be \$5. To those who complete the correspondence course before coming to Girard, the tuition in the Training School will be free. A cooperative boarding house will be provided where the cost of living will not exceed \$2 per week. Most of the instruction will be oral, and the bill for books will be very small.

Address all letters pertaining to the school to Walter Thomas Mills, 6416 Ellis Ave., Chicago, until September 1 [1901], after which time address him at Girard, Kansas.

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