

### ALDERMAN A. BARTON

The municipal agitation for the Rating of Land Values has lost an influential advocate in the passing of Alderman A. Barton who died at his home in Sheffield on 9th December after a short illness. He had been on the Sheffield City Council since 1913 and it was due to his work that the Council took a leading part in urging the case for the municipal land value policy. In October, 1928, the Council issued the Report prepared by Alderman Barton, with its revelations of the prices Sheffield had to pay for land wanted for public purposes, the contrast between these prices and the previous rateable value, and the recommendation that: "The Council pledges its support to the principle of the Rating of Land Values and calls upon the Government to initiate legislation for the purpose." This very informing report is now available in pamphlet form, published by the United Committee. Alderman Barton's widow is Mrs Eleanor Barton, J.P., the General Secretary of the Women's Co-operative Guild, and to her we convey our sincere sympathies.