

one vote except the Chairman, who shall have a deliberative in addition to a casting vote. A member of the Executive Committee unable to attend any meeting of the Committee may appoint a deputy, who shall be a member of the Union, to attend in his place with his powers.

The quorum at a meeting of a Conference shall consist of at least twenty members representing at least three nations or Dominions. Each affiliated organization may be represented by such number of delegates as the Executive Committee may decide, and each such delegate must become a duly qualified member of the Conference. No person shall be entitled to more than one vote.

X. NOTICE OF MEETINGS

At least six months' notice shall be given of International Conferences of the Union, and at least five weeks' notice by post or two weeks' notice by telegram of meetings of the Executive Committee, indicating in general terms the business to be transacted: provided, however, that it shall be lawful for an Executive Committee meeting to be held during the period of a Conference or within one week thereafter on notice given to members present.

An Executive Committee meeting may be called by the President or General Secretary, or upon requisition by five members of the Executive Committee. The length of time of notice shall be computed from the date of dispatch. No meeting shall be invalidated by reason of the non-receipt of notice.

XI. INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

The members of the Union shall meet in Conference at such times or places as the Executive Committee shall determine, not less frequently than once in three years.

XII. MEMBERSHIP FEES AND FINANCE

Every member of the Union shall pay an annual minimum subscription of five shillings, or the approximate equivalent thereof in money other than British denomination, exclusive of such Conference fees as the Executive Committee shall, from time to time, fix and determine upon. But the Executive Committee, nevertheless, shall be empowered, in the interest of increasing the funds of the Union, to authorize classes of members, such as annual members, sustaining members, and life members, and fix the dues payable by members in each of such classes at such figure as may, in the discretion of the Executive Committee, seem advisable. In addition to membership and Conference fees, the Executive Committee may raise funds for the support of the activities of the Union in such manner as in its discretion may seem best.

XIII. AMENDMENTS

This Constitution may not be altered or amended except at an International Conference of the Union, and then only if notice of a proposed amendment shall have been received by the General Secretary at least forty days before the date set for such Conference. Copies of any proposed amendments must be supplied to members present at the Conference at least twenty-four hours before such amendment is considered. A proposed amendment shall require for its adoption the approval of at least two-thirds of the members present and voting thereon at a Conference meeting: provided, however, that any alteration of Articles I and II shall require a favourable vote of at least three-quarters of the members registered as attending such Conference.

XIV. TAKING EFFECT OF CONSTITUTION

This Constitution shall take effect after it has been adopted by the Conference at Edinburgh in 1929, at which Conference, notwithstanding what appears in Articles VI and VII of this Constitution, the officers and committee for the period beginning 3rd August, 1929, shall be elected in accordance with resolution there adopted.

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From our Offices.

ENGLISH LEAGUE: Frederick Verinder, General Secretary, 376 and 377, Strand, London, W.C.2. (Phone: Temple Bar 7830.)

This is almost certainly the last time that the above address, familiar for more than 33 years to the friends of the movement, will appear at the head of these notes. The building in which the League has so long had its home is to be demolished and rebuilt. Office rents in the Strand have enormously increased since the League removed from the Adelphi in 1896. Before the end of September the League will be in its new office in Goschen Buildings, 12 and 13, Henrietta Street, Covent Garden, W.C.2, a very few minutes' walk from its present address.

Removal after so long an occupation is necessarily a troublesome as well as a costly business, and will cause some temporary dislocation of the work, but every effort is being made to deal promptly with all correspondence. Members and friends are asked to be patient with any unavoidable shortcomings, and—may we add?—generous in their subscriptions and/or donations at this time of many extra expenses.

The General Secretary was the special delegate of the Executive to the very successful and inspiring International Conference at Edinburgh, and was glad to have the opportunity of meeting many old friends, and making some new ones, from many countries. In all, seventy members of the League enrolled as members of the Conference, and the League was well represented by readers of papers and speakers in the discussions.

One of the few survivors of the little band of students of *Progress and Poverty*, who founded the League in the Spring of 1883, has long been settled in California. His membership has been continuous since that date, and his letters to the office, always fresh and informing, are always welcome. In his latest he writes:—

"This is a good country for studying economics because the affairs that concerned Europe for 2,000 years have been condensed into 5 per cent. of that time here, and the available statistics are excellent. Almost all desired information may be obtained gratuitously and courteously.

The land of this country presents the most gigantic board of green cloth. (Thomas Hardy said there was no distinction between a green cloth and a green field; one could gamble on either with equal facility—and that is a fact.) Instead of staking on 'rouge,' 'pair,' 'manque,' they stake on a 'lot,' a 'quarter section,' or a 'ranch,' and the process of winning or losing is the same."

WILLIAM BLACKLOCK

I deeply regret to report the death of an old friend and fellow-member of the League. William Blacklock passed away, after a short illness, at "Ashley Bank," Pinner Hill, the home of his son-in-law, James McCulloch (Liberal Candidate for Paisley at the General Election), on Sunday, 11th August. He was taken ill at Langholm, in Dumfrireshire, his birthplace (26th January, 1857), while on his way to the Edinburgh Conference, to which he was looking forward with intense interest, was brought back to Pinner, and passed away a week after the close of the Conference. A keen Radical all his life, from his early manhood he took an active part in religious and social work. He was interested in the Co-operative movement, and was Secretary of the local branch for many years. Thirty-seven years ago he joined the staff of Messrs McVitie and Price, and came to the South as head cashier on the opening of their Willesden works. He was active in Willesden Liberal circles, and founded the People's Hall Brotherhood. He was the "guide, philosopher and friend" of a group of able and enthusiastic young men, members of the League—mostly scattered by and since the war—at whose meetings, held in his house or Mr McCulloch's or in the People's Hall, I frequently spoke before the catastrophe of August, 1914.

He is well remembered in Willesden for his work on the local Council, especially as Chairman of the Education Committee, where he served with singular distinction.

His faith in Henry George's teachings remained steadfast to the end. He fought always for the single tax, and was in demand as a speaker even at the recent General Election, though at that time he was over 72 years of age. His

presentation of our case was always vigorous, always unusual. By his death the movement has lost a bonny fighter.

He was buried at Pinner Cemetery on 15th August, the funeral being attended by a very representative gathering of friends. His passing will be deeply felt by his beloved adopted daughter and his devoted son-in-law, our fellow-member, James McCulloch, to whom I tender my respectful and sincere sympathy.

F. V.

SCOTTISH LEAGUE: William Reid, Secretary, 67, West Nile Street, Glasgow.

The Conference at Edinburgh has been the great event in the recent history of the Scottish League, which is a reminder of the fact that Internationalism is closely associated with Nationalism. The inspiration given to the movement in Scotland by the Conference is shown by the newspaper correspondence in the *Scotsman*, *Edinburgh Evening News*, and other newspapers which has followed the meetings at Edinburgh. There were two important public meetings held during the Conference week, and admirers of Henry George, numbering 400, gathered to pay tribute to his memory on the fiftieth anniversary of the publication of *Progress and Poverty*.

From Edinburgh and its newspapers we witnessed a stirring up of ideas in the newspapers of Great Britain, Ireland, America, Australia and the Continent of Europe.

It was noticeable at the Conference that speakers from America, Australia and Denmark were particularly intrigued with the political situation in Great Britain at the moment. The question was on everybody's lips: "What will Mr Philip Snowden do about the next Budget?" That brought the practical Scottish answer: "What are we going to do to assist the Chancellor to initiate a just system of taxation?" An Edinburgh representative went all out for mass meetings in Edinburgh and every big town in Britain to demonstrate to the Government that the public would be behind them in any sound attempt they might make to advance taxation reform and real relief to industry from the burden of rates.

The public meetings at Edinburgh on Thursday, 31st July, and Sunday, 3rd August, are the only meetings of a propagandist character that we have to report. The speakers are reported elsewhere in this issue.

Mr Alex. Campbell, Mr A. S. Munsie, Mr John Peter and Mr A. J. Mace have all had interesting letters to various newspapers, including the *Sunday Times*, *Llandudno Advertiser*, *Lennox Herald*, *Glasgow Herald*, and newspapers already mentioned. The Glasgow edition of the *Irish Weekly* continued its usual notes, with many additional contributions based on the Conference.

The Henry George Memorial meeting, which is an annual event with the Scottish League, has been postponed till October. Circular invitations will be issued when the date has been finally fixed. Mr Charles E. Crompton, Treasurer, United Committee, has responded to the invitation of the Executive and will be the principal speaker.

YORKSHIRE AND NORTHERN LEAGUE: Fred Skirrow, Secretary, Compton Buildings, Bow Street, Keighley.

Since our last report the Secretary has visited Liverpool, where he addressed a series of meetings. It was pleasing to meet many people in the Dock Districts who remembered and spoke of the good work done there in pre-war days by our old friend and colleague, Edward McHugh.

Other Meetings were as follows:—

23rd July, A. W. Dakers, Meadowfield; Wm. Thomson, Robert Thomson and Roger Musgrave, Keighley.

On Sunday, 18th August, the Rev Herbert S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, addressed a well attended meeting in the Temperance Hall, Keighley.

Those who heard Mr Bigelow's eloquent and powerful appeal for "Social Justice and Economic Righteousness" had a treat in the way of sermonizing which will long be

remembered. We have had many expressions of opinion on Mr Bigelow's sermon, and without exception they were of highly complimentary character. The meeting renewed the faith of members and friends and did much to encourage others to read Henry George's *Progress and Poverty*, the book that pointed the way of economic salvation and the coming of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth.

Musical items were rendered by Miss Ida Nicholson, Madam Ada Thomson, Mr Robert Thomson, with Miss Mabel Thomson at the piano.

On Saturday, 24th August, we had a well attended meeting on Town Hall Square, Keighley, with Mr E. J. Craigie, Secretary of the Henry George League of South Australia, as the speaker.

On Sunday, 25th August, a meeting was held at Bradford, the Speaker was again Mr Craigie. It was a notable gathering, and very fine educational work for our principles was done. There was an attendance of about 500 people, who followed with close attention the remarks of the speaker. Mr Craigie dealt in a lucid manner with the land question, and showed its relation to the labour problem. Interesting examples were quoted from Australia, showing the power of monopoly. The tariff also received attention, and its effect upon Australian industry was shown to be disastrous. The speaker invited questions and discussion, and replied to all in an effective manner, and created a fine impression upon his audience. The meeting was a splendid propaganda effort, and those present had the case for the Single Tax presented in such a way as to cause them to be intensely interested in our principles. The Secretary, who acted as Chairman, introduced the speaker and during the meeting disposed of a good quantity of Georgian literature. Bradford and Keighley papers gave very good reports of the speeches by Mr Bigelow and Mr Craigie. Good Press work is also being done. Amongst those whose letters we have noted are: William Thomson, A. W. Dakers, J. K. Musgrave, Harry Hoyle, E. J. Craigie (Adelaide), and the Secretary.

EDINBURGH CONFERENCE

Amongst Yorkshire and Northern members and friends who attended the Edinburgh Conference were: William Thomson, J.P. (who represented the League), Ashley Mitchell, A. W. Dakers, Mr and Mrs Knowlson, Miss H. Shepherd, Miss Steel, H. G. McGhee, John Archer, Mr, Mrs and Miss Coleman, Jabez Crabtree, John Henderson, Miss J. B. Henderson, Beckett Henderson, J. T. Hastings, T. U. Kaye, P. B. Lowe, C. H. Smithson, and the Secretary.

MANCHESTER LEAGUE: Councillor Arthur H. Weller, J.P., Secretary, 4, Piccadilly, Manchester.

The following meetings have been addressed: Queen's Park Parliament (three meetings), G. Wright, W. Brennan and E. M. Ginders; Alexandra Park Gate (five meetings), E. M. Ginders, D. J. J. Owen, W. Brennan and the Secretary.

A circular letter sent to 1,000 Trade Union, Labour and Co-operative Associations has brought to this office a good number of requests for speakers during the coming season. A resolution of appreciation and encouragement to Mr Philip Snowden, suggested in the letter, has been adopted and forwarded by several Societies.

An article by Councillor William Noble was printed in a recent issue of the *Stockport Express*, and one written by the Secretary, entitled "Next Year's Budget," appeared in eight Lancashire newspapers.

Letters have been contributed to the following newspapers by Messrs Ginders, Noble, Owen, Siebel and Shirley: *Manchester Guardian*, *Middleton Guardian*, *Stockport Express* and *Clitheroe Advertiser*. The discussion in the *Stockport Express* was due to the Hazel Grove and Bramhall Council having decided not to be represented at the forthcoming municipal conference in Manchester on the rating of land values.

In the *Middleton Guardian* of 10th August, the writer of "Jottings" declared that land values taxation had proved disastrous in practice in Australia, where poverty and unemployment are relatively greater than in Britain. In the following issue the implied assumption that the relatively worse conditions in Australia were the result of the taxation