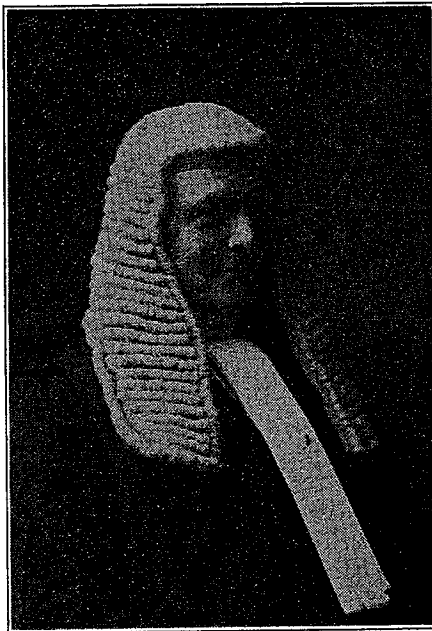


EDWIN ADAM, K.C.



Former co-workers and friends of Edwin Adam will be interested to see his name once more in our columns. In October last he retired from the position of Principal Clerk of Session at the Scottish Law Courts, Edinburgh, which he has occupied for the past 20 years. Sir Walter Scott held this post of honour in his day and generation. A keen politician, Mr Adam fought two contested Parliamentary elections, but is better known to our readers as an able advocate of Radical land reform. He was President of our Edinburgh League for several years and one of the small group that formed the United Committee some 21 years ago.

His masterly evidence submitted to the Select Committee on the Scottish Land Values Bill of 1906, together with his book on the Taxation of Land Values, which was distinguished by a second edition, long since exhausted, was the culmination of his public service in the cause. In such works his standing as an authority on its practical side was for ever established and his retirement from the active field of politics was universally deplored. As Lord Strathclyde remarked at the time to the present writer: it should not be allowed.

But Mr Adam felt his work as an active supporter of the land value policy was accomplished, and that he could stand aside with the assurance of an early instalment of the reform. It is in the history how this expectation, shared by some tens and hundreds of thousands, came to naught. But the work still tells. The idea underlying the principle of equal rights to land and a common interest in its unimproved value still persists and will continue to persist so long as social problems are stumbling-blocks to social progress. Edwin Adam is with us still and can be relied upon for counsel and advice as and when it is required.

Following on his retirement from his post at Edinburgh came the announcement of his marriage to Miss Jessie Alice Neilson, on 2nd November. In the name of a wide circle of friends with Edwin Adam in the fight 20 years ago for economic freedom we cordially wish him and Mrs Adam long life and happiness. J. P.