

The proposal to change the name of the Scottish League for Land Value Taxation was defeated in the postal ballot of the whole membership. (An alternate proposed name was League for Public Revenue from Land Values. James H. MacMurchie had proposed League for Ground Rent for State Revenue.)

It was I who proposed the present title when in 1950 along with Arthur Madsen and a few others the Glasgow and Edinburgh Leagues were amalgamated to form the Scottish League. Arthur Madsen was Secretary of the Edinburgh League before the first World War when he went to London to assist John Paul to establish the United Committee for the Taxation of Land Values. I have been Secretary of the Scottish League for more than 25 years.

I first joined the movement in 1921 when I met Arthur Weller in Manchester and he introduced me to Progress and Poverty. He was full-time Secretary of the Manchester League for the Taxation of Land Values, and there were then the English League, and Leagues in Liverpool, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness. Now there are only two such organisations in Britain, the United Committee in London and the Scottish League. Nearly all our present members are former students of the School of Economic Studies. There can be little doubt that, without the School, the Scottish League would have ceased to exist.