

politicians doing what was supposed to be impossible. He can also appreciate the irony that the protests about confiscation have come from some of the leaders of the party to which his critics belonged. Mr. Paul put his faith in principles, and he has seen these principles progress towards success. If he has pinned his faith to any political party he would have met with disappointment. Every action must be judged by its results, and we can safely leave the policy of Mr. Paul to that judgment.

**W. R. LESTER, M. A., Treasurer of the United Committee**—Mr. Lester was president of the Scottish League during the year 1904-5, and he was later President of the English League. Having retired from business he is now located near London, and acts as Treasurer for the United Committee. He graduated at the Glasgow University in 1881. Afterwards he spent three years in France and Germany in the study of Engineering. Returning to Glasgow to take up a business career he became interested in economic questions. In 1886 he heard Henry George speak, but did not immediately come into the movement. He continued his study by looking into Socialism as expounded by leading exponents, and it was not until 1898 that he decided to join in the work of the Land Values movement. Since taking up the work he has not spared himself. He speaks a great deal and has written a lot. Among many things he has written is an able rejoinder to Professor Smart, the Glasgow University lecturer on Economics, who ventured into print with a pamphlet against the Single Tax. His latest ventures have been as Parliamentary candidate in the English constituency of Mid Norfolk. He fought there in January and in December, 1910. In his first trial he was defeated by 459 and in his second by 37. The kind of opposition he got was not of the description that would do credit to any constituency, and it may interest American readers to know that they have not quite got a monopoly of shabby tactics in electioneering.

**LEWIS H. BERENS**—Mr. Lewis H. Berens is at present and has been for many years Treasurer of the English League for the Taxation of Land Values. Born in Birmingham fifty-seven years ago, he has done much service with voice and pen for the Single Tax movement. He was educated first at a boarding school at Edmonton near London, and subsequently in Germany and Belgium. After spending a few years in his father's business he went to Sydney, New South Wales, in 1876. Two years later he went into business in Adelaide, South Australia, with his brother. In 1883 he returned for a short trip to England, and about that time began to take an interest in economic questions. On his return to the Colonies he became acquainted with Progress and Poverty, and some time afterwards he met his friend and co-author, Mr. Ignatius Singer. Later both of these gentlemen settled in Yorkshire, and one result of their friendship has been the joint production of the well known utopian vision of the Single Tax in their book, *The Story of My Dictatorship*. In 1903 Mr. Berens published a book entitled "Toward