

*Who's Who  
in Georgism*

Charles G. Merrell



Charles George Merrell, one of the sponsors of the Cincinnati Extension of the Henry George School, was born in Cincinnati August 2, 1867.

Upon receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science from Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1888, he entered the laboratories of the Wm. S. Merrell Co. He became president of the firm in 1915, retiring from active management in 1937 to become Chairman of the Board.

In 1898, before going West for his health, Mr. Merrell's interest in Henry George was aroused by a Mr. Merryweather, an Englishman. He ordered copies of "Progress and Poverty" and "Social Problems" sent to him at Las Vegas, N. Mex. Mr. Merrell immediately saw the truth in these works, possibly, he thinks, because freedom is a cardinal principle of the New Church (Swedishborgian) of which he is a member.

In 1936 Mr. Merrell was elected County Commissioner of Hamilton County and he has served as president of the Commission since 1939. He is a trustee of the Cincinnati College of Pharmacy, past president of the American Drug Manufacturers Association, life member of the American Pharmaceutical Association, president of the Cincinnati Lawn Bowling Club, and a member of the Cincinnati Technology Club and of the Cincinnati Club.

Mr. Merrell married Lillie Hussey, September 23, 1891. Their children are Frederick E. and Donald Merrell, and Cora Merrell Smith.