

Who's Who In Georgism



Hiram B. Loomis, president of the board of trustees of the Chicago Extension of the HGSSS, was born June 29, 1868 at Hartford, Conn. His father, Hiram G., was a surveyor. His formal education took him through the public schools of Hartford, Trinity College, and Johns-Hopkins University. At Johns-Hopkins he studied physics and mathematics, receiving his Ph.D. in 1890.

Mr. Loomis' teaching career began with one year in the Hartford Public High School before he had received his doctor's degree. Upon leaving Johns-Hopkins he taught physics three years in the University of Wisconsin. This was followed by three years at Northwestern University as assistant professor of physics, and one year as an instructor of mathematics.

Mr. Loomis entered the Chicago school system in 1897. After six years of general teaching at Medill High School he became principal of Moose Elementary School (1903) and then of Garfield Elementary School (1904). In 1905 he was appointed principal of Hyde Park High School and remained in that position until his retirement in 1933. He is now president of the Retired Teachers' Association.

Mr. Loomis credits John Z. White with being "the fellow who really boxed me into Henry George's ideas. Before I met him I was inclined to be socialistic!"

When the Chicago Extension of the HGSSS was incorporated under the laws of Illinois, Mr. Loomis was chosen to serve as president of its board of trustees. He is on the regular teaching staff of the School.

Next January 2, Mr. and Mrs. Loomis will celebrate their golden wedding anniversary. Their five children and ten grandchildren will be among the celebrants.