

Who's Who in Georgism



Edward Edgington Hardcastle was born in Hookitika, a little town on the west coast of South Island, New Zealand, November 9, 1869.

In his office atop the Union Central Building in Cincinnati where he helps shape the policies of one of America's great insurance companies. Mr. Hardcastle also serves the HGSSS as treasurer of the Cincinnati Extension.

On his father's side Mr. Hardcastle is Irish, on his mother's, English. Edward H. Hardcastle, father of E. E., was a district judge in the New Zealand Government.

As a lad, E. E. attended Christ's College Grammar School at Christ's Church, N. Z. He graduated from the University of New Zealand in 1892 with an M. A. degree and first honors in mathematics and mathematical physics. He then attended Canterbury College in Christ's Church, specializing in arts and engineering.

In 1893 young Hardcastle entered the government life insurance department. Here he began his actuarial work that was to take him to the top in that profession. While still in New Zealand he became an Associate of the Institute of Actuaries of Great Britain.

From 1894 to 1898 Mr. Hardcastle was engaged in actuarial duties in England, including the compilation of the British offices' life table. On the trip from New Zealand to London on the S. S. Ophir he re-read "Progress and Poverty," a book that was first introduced to him at the progressive University of New Zealand.

During a brief visit to the United States in 1897, Mr. Hardcastle made acquaintances which led to his joining the actuarial staff of the Union Central Life Insurance Company of Cincinnati in 1898. He is now vice president.