

Who's Who in Georgism
DR. MARK MILLIKIN



In Hamilton, Ohio, the proper way of referring to Doctor Millikin is to speak of "Doctor Mark." For "Doctor Mark" is the fourth generation of Doctors Millikin in the same block within a century and a quarter. His son, too, is a physician, a few doors away.

Dr. Mark was born in Hamilton, March 23, 1868. (He has the reputation of being one of the best dancers in Butler County!) At Johns Hopkins, where he took his premedical course, he gave as much thought to discussions raging over Bellamy and Henry George as to classroom analysis of arterio thrombosis. Henry George won because Dr. Mark's congenital predilection for freedom prevailed.

After Johns Hopkins came the Miami Medical School. His shingle has hung out in Hamilton since 1892. In 1913 he was admitted as a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

The doctor's public life has been active. He served as health officer of Hamilton from 1904 to 1911. In 1916 he championed the charter form of government, and proportional representation. In 1926 Dr. Millikin was elected to the City Council, and has been re-elected each term since. Until 1937 the Charter Committee consistently endorsed his candidacy. In that year, however, the Committee rejected him because of his liberal attitude on slot machines. Dr. Millikin maintained that gambling is a private matter. He was reelected with as large a majority as ever.

As a councilman he has incurred the enmity of groups seeking special privileges. Because he believes that the tonsorial expert should run his business without benefit of legal interference he has opposed

the ordinance regulating the hours of opening and closing. The regulation of private enterprises (as, for instance, junk dealing) has found no friend in this libertarian.

Dr. Millikin was first interested in Henry George by the late Dr. Samuel L. Beeler, the first Georgist in Hamilton. Although he has been an advocate of Georgism these many years he boasts of never having read "Progress and Poverty" clear through. So that he may no longer be able to make that boast, he is enrolled in the extension class of the HGSSS which he recently organized.