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DOCTOR A. E. PARKINS, PRESIDENT, 1923

The past president featured this month is Dr. A. E. Parkins, Professor of Economic Geography at George Peabody College for Teachers since 1916.

Dr. Parkins is Michigan born, at Marysville on the Saint Clair River, a sawmill town for many years, now a center for aircraft and automobile manufacture. His public school education was had at Marysville and Saint Clair. It was at Saint Clair that he completed his high school work, graduating in 1900. For the next few years the subject of our sketch studied at the Michigan State Normal College, Ypsilanti, completing the work for the B.Ed. and the A.B. degrees (in 1922 the honorary degree of M.Ed. was conferred upon him by this institution). He taught physical science at Holland, Michigan, and later geography at his Alma Mater. His work for the doctorate was taken at the University of Chicago and completed in 1914. While a student in that institution he served, at times, as scholar, fellow, and research associate. Among the better known teachers under whom he has studied are Chamberlain, Salisbury, Atwood, Goode, Semple, Cowles, Shelford, Jefferson, Barrows, Moulton in economics, Schurzer, and Strong. Before coming to Peabody, Dr. Parkins was instructor in agricultural geography at the University of Missouri from 1914 to 1916. He was editor of *The Annals of the Association of American Geographers* for six years and has been associate editor of *The Journal of Geography* for the last fifteen or more years. He is past president of the National Council of Geography Teachers, past president of the Association of American Geographers, chairman of the Committee of the National Council on "Geography in the Secondary Schools" and chairman of the committee that prepared the Thirty-second Year-book of the National Society for the Study of Education—the *Teaching of Geography*. The National Council of Geography Teachers conferred upon him in 1934 the Distinguished Service Award. He contributed the article on "Southern Agriculture" in *Culture in the South* and is author of *Historical Geography of Detroit*. His latest book is *The South: Its Economic and Geographic Development*. He is co-author of the *Geography of North America*, one of the most widely used books in the field and Editor-in-Chief of *Our Natural Resources and their Conservation*. His major writings and investigations have been in the field of economic, historical, and political geography.

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