

and at noon we took the train for Richmond and Washington, finally returning to Philadelphia Sunday evening, after a most instructive and on the whole enjoyable vacation trip.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

THE PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, JANUARY 10, 1918

The president, Dr. Leffmann, in the chair. Fourteen members and one visitor present.

Mr. John F. Vanartsdalen presented a paper on The Minerals of the Paper Mills and Jarrett's quarries, Montgomery Co., Pa. The rocks of the quarries, hornblende gneisses of various types, were described and the minerals noted. The lecturer exhibited a large number of specimens from the quarries.

Mr. William Knabe reported the opening of Wood's mine and Low's mine, near Texas, Lancaster Co., Pa., localities famous in the past for brucite, kammererite, and other serpentine minerals.

SAMUEL G. GORDON, *Secretary*

FIELD TRIP ANNOUNCEMENT

Sunday, April 12; Brinton's quarry, Osborn's Hill, and Strodes Mill, Chester County, Pa. Meet at 69th St. Terminal at 8.15 A.M.

At the anniversary meeting of the Mineralogical Society (London), held on November 6, 1917, the following officers were elected: *President*, Mr. W. Barlow; *Vice-Presidents*, Prof. H. L. Bowman, and Mr. A. Hutchinson; *Treasurer*, Sir William P. Beale, Bart.; *General Secretary*, Dr. G. T. Prior; *Foreign Secretary*, Prof. W. W. Watts; *Editor of the Journal*, Mr. L. J. Spencer. —*Nature*, 100 (2507), 210, 1917.

NOTES AND NEWS

At the meeting of the Geological Society of America in St. Louis, December 27-29, 1917, the following papers of mineralogical interest were presented: Glauconite in dolomite and limestone in Missouri, by W. A. Tarr; Fluorite in the Ordovician limestones of Wisconsin, by R. M. Bagg; and The occurrence of a large tourmaline in Alabama pegmatite, by F. R. Van Horn. The crystal described in the last was originally over 3 feet long and weighed about 250 pounds; the top of it, showing distinct the rough terminal planes, is now in the Museum of the Case School of Applied Science, Cleveland, Ohio.

The Washington *Star* thus comments on the increasing value of colloidal carbon:

Oh, carbon is a precious thing
Whose prices we can ne'er control.
Oh, give to me no diamond ring!
I'd rather have a ton of coal.

Dr. Francis M. Van Tuyl, formerly instructor of geology in the University of Illinois, now assistant professor in the Colorado School of Mines, in Golden, Colo., has enlisted in the aviation corps.