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As you know, for some years past the formation of a Crystallographical and Mineralogical Society of America has been contemplated, but the final steps leading to organization were postponed until after the close of the war. It now seems highly desirable that the society be definitely organized and you are accordingly invited to attend the organization meeting to be held at the Copley Square Hotel, Tuesday, December 30, 1919, in Boston, Massachusetts.

The purpose of the Society is to promote interest in crystallography and mineralogy and allied sciences. Although crystallographers and mineralogists in European countries have long been organized, there has never been a national organization in America. At some of our larger universities mineralogy was one of the first sciences to be taught. Further, the growing application of mineralogy in the development of our vast mineral resources and the increasing use of mineralogical methods in allied sciences and in industry demand an ever increasing number of technically trained men. There are therefore sufficient reasons why those actively engaged in these fields of science in America should be banded together.

In the organization of the society it is proposed to have two types of membership, such as, fellows and members, or members and associate members. The first group would include persons who have published results of crystallographical and mineralogical research, while the second group would consist of persons engaged or interested in crystallographical and mineralogical work. It is planned to hold annual meetings for the reading of papers and the transaction of business, as is customary with national scientific societies. It is also hoped that the society will soon be able to support an independent publication, preferably a monthly journal, devoted entirely to the special field of the society. American crystallographers and mineralogists have long realized the need of such a journal in which their contributions could be published without unnecessary delays.

Annual fees of \$3 to \$5 are suggested. These annual fees are to include subscription to the journal of the society when established, which preliminary investigations indicate can be done in the near future.

We trust that you may be able to attend the organization meeting. If you are, however, unable to be present it is hoped that your support may be counted on.

Very truly yours,

Edward H. Kraus, (Michigan),  
Alexander N. Phillips (Princeton),  
Frank R. Van Horn (Case),  
Thomas L. Walker, (Toronto),  
Edgar T. Wherry (U.S. Bureau of  
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H. P. Whitlock (Am. Museum of Natural  
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