

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

NEW YORK MINERALOGICAL CLUB

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The New York Mineralogical Club enjoyed a very successful year, attendance at the meetings averaging 67. Two excursions were sponsored, the spring trip to the Sparta and McAfee quarries in New Jersey, and the fall trip to Mt. Adam and Pine Island in New York. A number of good specimens were collected, the most interesting being the small pink spinel crystals at Sparta and the fine scapolite crystals at Pine Island.

The programs have been varied, both scientific and popular. All have been well received and the members have gained in new knowledge and their mineralogical interests have been stimulated.

In May, 1940, Mr. Louis Moyd spoke on the *Mineralogy of Metamorphosed Limestones*, referring to the quarries visited on the spring excursion and other localities, particularly in Canada, with which he is familiar. At the first fall meeting, the Club adhered to its traditional program of members' accounts of their *Summer Collecting Experiences* and a number of fine specimens were shown. Prof. Paul F. Kerr told about some of the *Western Tungsten Deposits* at the November meeting. In December, Mr. O. C. Ralston spoke of *Queer and Unusual Industrial Minerals*, and illustrated his talk with such paradoxical specimens as bentonite and flexible sandstone. Mr. R. C. Wells spoke at the January meeting about the *Distribution of Nickel in the Earth's Crust* and gave some interesting statistics based upon modern analyses. This talk was closely related to the February lecture by Dr. E. G. Zies upon the *Concentration of Elements through Igneous Activity*, which was illustrated with some very spectacular slides. This talk, in turn, lead up to that of the succeeding month by Dr. B. L. Miller upon the *Volcanic Deposits of Sulphur*. The Annual Meeting, held in April, was addressed by R. Emmett Doherty who told about the *Delaware Aqueduct* and some of the experiences and minerals encountered in shafts 7 and 8.

At the April meeting, the following officers were elected to serve for the coming year, to take office at the close of the May meeting:

<i>President:</i>	John N. Trainer
<i>1st Vice-President:</i>	Walter E. Kuenstler
<i>2d Vice-President:</i>	Frederick H. Pough
<i>Secretary:</i>	M. Allen Northup
<i>Treasurer:</i>	James A. Taylor

Directors

Harry R. Lee
Gilman S. Stanton

During the year the Club mineral collection was gone over and much worthless material discarded. Under the Chairmanship of Mr. Frank A. Lewis, good work was done by the Curators' Committee and the collection considerably improved. The Club looks forward to another successful year in 1941-1942 under the new officers.

F. H. POUGH, *Secretary*