

PRESENTATION OF A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
TO WALTER F. HUNT
THE RETIRING EDITOR OF THE
AMERICAN MINERALOGIST

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Today marks the retirement of Professor Walter F. Hunt as Editor of the *American Mineralogist* after 35 years of devoted service. The Mineralogical Society of America was organized on Tuesday, December 30, 1919. The next day the Council of the MSA adopted the *American Mineralogist* as its official journal and appointed Dr. Edgar T. Wherry as its first editor. Dr. Wherry served until December 1921.

Professor Walter F. Hunt, a member of the board of associate editors was then selected as the second editor in 1922.

The *American Mineralogist* started as a magazine for advanced mineral collectors, museum curators, and professional mineralogist. Even in its earliest years the *American Mineralogist* had been coming to serve the professional mineralogists more and more as a medium of publication of their researches, and so it was natural that the Journal should pass over to the Mineralogical Society after the society was formed.

When Professor Hunt became the editor it soon became evident to him that with limited financial resources available, and the oncoming transition of the *American Mineralogist* to the stature of a journal of a scientific society, that the new editor would have to make a considerable sacrifice of his time that he would normally devote to research. The decision to make this sacrifice must have been difficult for the young mineralogist. Well trained in the experimental techniques of mineralogy, petrology and analytical chemistry, and having worked in the Chemical Laboratory of the U. S. Geological Survey, Professor Hunt was keenly interested in studying the physical properties of minerals as a function of their chemical composition and of the rocks in which the minerals were found. That Professor Hunt did decide to assume the responsibility, being well aware of the sacrifice he would have to make, is the reason that I am now speaking to him.

"Professor Hunt, On behalf of the Council of the Mineralogical Society of America and its Fellows and Members, I thank you for your long and distinguished career as the Editor of our Journal. In the 35 years during which you have been the Editor you have raised the quality

of the Journal to one of the foremost mineralogical publications of the world. In doing so we recognize the personal sacrifice you made with respect to your own desire to do research, but your efforts have not been in vain. You and we have much to be proud of. We hope that you have derived a keen satisfaction from your labors; the Mineralogical Laboratory and the University of Michigan must share with us in commending you for your noble efforts. It is with a great deal of pleasure that I present you with this certificate of deep appreciation and thanks from the Mineralogical Society of America." It also is my pleasure to inform you that by vote of the Council you have been appointed Editor Emeritus of the *American Mineralogist*.