

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

Wagner Free Institute of Science, May 12, 1920

A joint meeting of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and the Wagner Free Institute of Science was held upon the above date upon the occasion of the closing exercises of the Institute. Sixteen members of the Society were present.

Dr. Clarence N. Fenner of the Geophysical Laboratory of the Carnegie Institution of Washington addressed the meeting on "Katmai Volcano and the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes." The 1919 expedition of the National Geographic Society, in which members of the Geophysical Laboratory participated, was described. Details were given of the fumarolic activity in the Valley of Ten Thousand Smokes. The lecture was illustrated with numerous finely colored lantern slides.

A business meeting of the Society was then held in its meeting room. Mr. Johnson reported a trip to the French Creek mines. Mr. Trudell reported a trip of the society to Moore and Lambertville, N. J., good stilbite being found at the former locality. Mr. Gordon exhibited actinolite crystals in talc from Pleasant Grove, Lancaster County.

SAMUEL G. GORDON, *Secretary.*

NOTES AND NEWS

It gives us great pleasure to announce that on June 14th Syracuse University conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Science upon Professor Edward H. Kraus, President of the Mineralogical Society of America.

Civil service examinations are announced for August 10, 1920, for the positions of Curator and Assistant Curator of the Division of Mineral Technology, U. S. National Museum, paying \$2400 and \$1800 per year, respectively. Anyone interested in applying for these positions should write at once to the U. S. Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., for the necessary blanks and information.

We have also heard of openings for a young man trained in petrography, and having a fair knowledge of chemistry, to carry on research work in a government laboratory; and for teachers of mineralogy and related subjects in several Universities. Anyone interested is invited to write to the editor for details.

Word has been received from Vienna that Professor G. Tschermak, the eminent mineralogist, who is now over 80 years old, is in need of assistance in the way of food. This can be best sent in the form of food-orders, the money being paid in this country, and the food being distributed from the American warehouses in Vienna, to those holding orders. Should any of our readers feel able to help out in this most worthy cause, they may send a few dollars to the Treasurer of this magazine and we will see that the food-orders for the total amount received reach Professor Tschermak.