

It is with the deepest regret that we chronicle the death of Dr. Louis Pope Gratacap of the American Museum of Natural History. From the beginning he had been one of the staunchest supporters of this magazine,—contributing an elaborate article on Madagascar minerals to one of our early numbers,—and the loss of his helpful advice and encouragement is keenly felt. A fitting tribute to his memory will appear in our pages in the near future.

PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

THE NEWARK MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

The 19th regular meeting of the Newark Mineralogical Society was held Sunday, December 2, 1917, with eight members present. In order that the society might become better known to Newarkers, the Secretary had previously been instructed to get in communication with the Newark Museum and make arrangements to have a large card hung in the Museum announcing that there was a mineralogical club in the city. The Secretary reported that this had been done and a card would be ready in a few days, which we trust will lead to good results. A motion was then presented and carried that Dr. Wm. S. Disbrow, the founder of the Newark Museum, be elected an honorary member.

The following resolution on the death of Mr. Albert H. Petereit was then adopted:

WHEREAS, The sudden death of ALBERT H. PETEREIT on Monday, November 5, was a great shock to the members of the NEWARK MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY, as he had attended the monthly meeting of the Society the previous day and seemed in good health, taking part in the discussions with his usual vigor,

And Mr. Petereit was a charter member of the Society, deeply interested in its welfare and growth, and adding interest to its meetings by the display of many fine specimens. Therefore be it

Resolved, that the members of the NEWARK MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY desire to record their sincere sorrow on the death of their fellow member, recommending that this minute be incorporated in the proceedings of the December meeting and a copy of the same be sent his family.

After a talk and demonstration on blowpipe testing by Dr. Colton the meeting adjourned.

WM. H. BROADWELL, *Secretary*

THE PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

Wagner Free Institute of Science, December 13, 1917

A joint meeting of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society and The Wagner Institute Society of Chemistry and Physics was held on the above date with the President, Dr. Leffmann, in the chair. Eleven members and a large number of visitors were present. On motion, the regular business was suspended.

Dr. Charles H. LaWall, president of the Wagner Institute Society of Chemistry and Physics, delivered his presidential address on "Colloids." The history and the salient facts of this modern development of chemistry were presented, illustrated with many experiments showing the properties of colloids.

SAMUEL G. GORDON, *Secretary*