fit themselves for no very definite business. Here at the Institute a very different state of affairs exists. Lack of class feeling is noticeable, and again no wonder; for men go to the Institute to fit themselves for a definite profession, and having chosen that profession, naturally see little of men in their own class taking courses very different in their character. For how should a chemist know much of the doings of the civil engineers, separated by almost entire difference of studies and three flights of stairs? Or, in the same connection, what reason is there to suppose that the miners, in the grime of the mining laboratory, should know much of the doings of the architects, busy with their "time-honored porch problem," or a caricature of Turner's "Slave Ship"? I think it is evident that more individual benefit would be derived by men of the same course becoming intimately acquainted than would result from intimacy between men of one class divided into half a dozen courses. Herein lies the evil which the 2 G strives to remedy; for the men of the mining course are from year to year transferred to different laboratories, and hence miners of '83 know little of those of '82, and those of '84 know less of either '83 or '84. Now, the 2 G establishes an acquaintance, perhaps an intimacy, between the miners of the various years, who, after graduating, will be called to similar pursuits and possibly neighboring localities, and keeps them posted as to the whereabouts and occupations of its various members. Would not a mining engineer needing help rather employ a man who has been trained under, and acquainted with, the same professors and systems of work as he himself has been? He knows just what he may expect from such a man, and I doubt not his loyalty to the Institute and the society would give occupation to a member of the society were opportunity to offer. How glad would a member in distant parts be to write his experience to the society, and how much benefit would be derived from such a communication by the members of the society!

I have tried to indicate the pleasure and profit to be derived by the existence of this society after the member leaves the Institute. While there, membership is none the less valuable; for besides the possible benefit to be derived from graduate members, I know only too well (and doubtless others do, too) how valuable hints from upper classmen are to a man stumbling along the work which they have done before him; and how helpful as clews for work are the examination papers of years filed carefully away for the benefit of future members, together with the papers on mining topics read before the society by its various members! Setting aside the social enjoyment of the members at their initiations, meetings, and suppers, are not these advantages derived by membership...