Jersey City and Philadelphia the claim of "the fastest train in America." The Canadian train, according to its schedule, runs from Coteau to Ottawa, 78.4 miles, in one hour and thirty-four minutes, with three stops. This is at the rate of fifty miles an hour, and, indeed, the time allowed for a stretch of eleven miles necessitates the speed of a mile a minute.

Mining and Geological Excursion to Virginia and West Virginia.

DURING the latter part of last term the students of the Mining and Chemical Department received invitations to become members of a party to visit the newly developed mining lands of Southwestern Virginia and West Virginia. The object of the excursion was to benefit the members by giving them chances to make a practical study of mines, smelting works, and geology, and publishing results obtained. Whenever a mine or furnace was visited one member of the party was appointed captain, and it was his duty to see that each member of the party worked up and reported on some special topic connected with the subject. In this way very full reports of all places visited were obtained.

June 14 the following persons started:—


Travelling via New York, Philadelphia, and Harrisburg, Roanoke, Va., was reached. Here we attended a meeting of the mining engineers, who occupied the town to such an extent that we pushed on to Abingdon. Here we visited tobacco factories and brick works. A fifteen-