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EDITOR OF THE TECH:

The general sentiment among the students in mining at the school appears to be in entire accord with those expressed in the last number of THE TECH. Realizing the importance of a knowledge of quantitative analysis for a mining engineer, we do not wish that this branch should be abolished, as at Columbia, but simply that the amount required should be reduced. A canvass of the second, third and fourth year classes showed that not a single man among them thought that if he only worked the required time he could accomplish the required amount of work. Some men have even gone so far as to cut recitations in order to gain extra time in the chemical laboratory. We do not learn quantitative analysis at the Institute, for that is the study of a lifetime; at the most we only learn its methods and principles.

Why, then, certain easy and simple analyses are given over and over again, and months are spent in determining certain difficult ones with the required accuracy, is something not apparent to the average miner.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE TECH:

In connection with the account of the winter meeting which appeared in the last TECH, was a criticism of the action of the executive committee of the Athletic Club, in admitting an outsider to the games. Mr. H. B. Duker, the gentleman in question, though his name is not in the catalogue, was a member of the Institute at the time of the games, and still is at the present time. Trusting you will correct this.

I am, respectfully yours,

CHAS. F. SPRING,

Pres. M. I. T. A. C.

M. I. T., Boylston Street,

Jan. 8, 1885.

[The editors regret that the mistake was made concerning Mr. Duker's attendance at the Institute, and take pleasure in correcting it.]

N. Fred Merrill, Ph. D. ('70), has accepted the professorship of Chemistry and Physics at Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

H. L. Ripley, '73, has received his promotion to a first lieutenancy in the 24th U. S. Infantry, to date from Nov. 26, 1884.


Albert F. Schmidt, '83, is with the Nonotuck Silk Company, Chicago, Ill.

Robert W. Scott, '83, is working in the machine shops of the Southwark Foundry and Machine Company, Philadelphia, Penn., "learning the trade."

George A. Smith, '83, is in the employ of the North Chicago Rolling Mill Company, as assistant chemist at their South Chicago Works.

A. O. Doane, '84, is now private assistant to Prof. Niles in the Geology Department.

P. C. DuPont, '84, is Superintendent of the Central Coal and Iron Companies' Mines, on the Chesapeake, Ohio and Southwestern Railroad, in the Western Kentucky coal-fields.


David Wesson, '83, engaged as chemist, chiefly in connection with the manufacture of soaps, with N. K. Fairbanks & Co., Chicago, Ill.

T. W. and C. S. Robinson, '84, who have been taking a post-graduate course, have left the Institute.