Augustus Lowell.

During the past summer the Institute has lost one of its most interested factors in the person of Mr. Augustus Lowell, whose death occurred in July. Mr. Lowell's death was a great shock to his many friends, especially as only a brief illness preceded his death. Mr. Lowell was born in Boston, January 15, 1830, and the son of Mr. John A. Lowell.

After graduating from a preparatory school he entered Harvard University, and graduated in 1850, receiving the degree of Master of Arts three years later. His first connections with the Institute began on his becoming the sole trustee and manager of the Lowell Institute, founded by his grandfather. In 1869, Mr. Lowell gave $50,000 to the Institute, the income from which is used for the benefit of the instructors, in cases of illness, death, or retirement. He was the trustee of the Lowell Institute lectureship for over fifteen years, in fact since the death of his father.

Under his management the work of the Lowell Institute was greatly extended by the enlargement of the lecture courses already founded and the establishment of new ones. Mr. Lowell was eminently successful in business as well as being a man of culture and learning. Among the business institutions that Mr. Lowell was connected with, he has been the treasurer of the Booth mills, the Merrimac Manufacturing Company; director of the Lowell Manufacturing Company and the Everett Mills, president of the board of directors of the Massachusetts Cotton Mill, trustee and a member of the board of Investment of the Provident Institution for Savings, besides holding the positions of trust. He was also at one time vice-president of the American Academy of Science. Mr. Lowell is keenly missed by the Institute as well as by his personal friends, yet the Lowell Institute will long stand as a fitting testimonial of his success as an educator.

Changes in the Instructing Staff.

Following is a list of the changes in the instructing staff for the coming year so far as known: Associate Professor Pope has been appointed Professor of General Chemistry; Assistant Professor Vogel, Woodbridge, and Ripley, have been advanced to the rank of Associate Professors; Lieutenant Hamilton will be succeeded as Instructor in Military Science, by Captain William Baird, U. S. A., retired. Professor Webster Wells has been granted a leave of absence for a year. Dr. William H. Walker has resigned his instructorship in analytical chemistry to accept a professional engagement. Mr. Harry W. Gardner has returned, after a valuable year of European travel and study, to resume his work as instructor in architecture. Mr. Carl H. Clark, instructor in naval architecture, has been granted a year's leave of absence, and will be succeeded by Mr. Walker S. Leland, '96. Mr. Myron L. Fuller, instructor in geology, has received an important appointment in the United States Geological Survey. Messrs. Louis P. Chapin, Arthur A. Blanchard, and Miles S. Sherrill have gone to Leipsic for advanced studies in chemistry. Messrs. George L. Hosmer, Alpheus G. Woodman, and Joseph C. Riley, assistants of last year, become instructors. Messrs. Walter B. Russell, Frances H. Watts, Eugene W. Rutherford, Alvan L. Davis, Fred L. H. Kimball, and Etheredge Walker, assistants of last year, are leaving the Institute for professional work. Mr. Joseph G. Coffin is to be a graduate student of Clark University. Dr. William D. Coolege has been appointed instructor in theoretical chemistry. New assistants just appointed are R. W. Balcom in analytical chemistry, E. E. Bugbee in mining engineering, W. L. Stevens in mining engineering, L. S. Smith in mechanical engineering, C. M. Fosdick, and G. E. Russell in civil engineering.