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EXCURSION.

At the close of the winter session the members of the Institute and their friends made an excursion to Mine No. 21, located at Carrington in Perry county, and owned by the Sunday Creek Coal Co. The party, consisting of about 135 people, occupying two coaches kindly furnished by the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway, left at 7:15 Friday morning. At Glouster the cars were detached from the regular train and were taken to mine No. 21, arriving at 11:30. Before alighting a bounteous lunch, provided by the Sunday Creek Coal Co. was served on the train, after which the party entered a train of mine cars to which was attached a Morgan-Gardner electric motor, and they were taken into the mine a distance of about half a mile. From there they were taken in parties drawn by horses to the working places, where they witnessed the operation of the electric machinery, consisting of two Morgan-Gardner mining machines and a Jeffrey electric drill. This was a new and novel sight to many of the visitors who evidenced much interest in their operation. The officers in charge of the mine were especially courteous and obliging and afforded every opportunity of examining the method of winning the coal and removing it to the chutes for shipment. At 2:30 the party again boarded the train and were taken to mine No. 10, owned by the same company, where they witnessed the effects of a disastrous fire which destroyed the chutes and buildings a month previous. The work of cleaning up the mine was being prosecuted, and a few of the more venturesome of the excursionists descended the air shaft by means of a bucket to witness the work. After a short delay they renewed their journey, arriving in Columbus at 7:45 in the evening, all expressing themselves as delighted with the day's outing. The members of the Institute passed resolutions acknowledging their deep obligations to Messrs. J. M. and H. C. Ferris and the officers of the Toledo & Ohio Central Railway, and to Mr. J. F. Stone, Mr. McMillen and the officers of the Sunday Creek Coal Co. for the many courtesies extended to them.