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## Minutes of Eighth Annual Meeting.

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The Eighth Annual Meeting of the Institute was called to order by President R. M. Haseltine, at Lyndon Hall, Columbus, Ohio, at 8 P. M., January 12, 1888.

Roll call, reading of minutes of last meeting, and reports by Secretary and Treasurer were dispensed with, and reading of papers taken up. The President presented his annual address.

Mr. McMillin read a paper on "Utilization of the Coal Slack of Our Bituminous Mines." At the close of the discussion upon this paper, Mr. Roy moved a vote of thanks to the author, which was carried.

Mr. Roy, for the committee appointed at the Ironton meeting to visit the Department of Mining and Metallurgy of Ohio State University, to examine and inquire into the wants and necessities of the same, etc., reported that the committee had, in compliance with the resolution, visited the University, canvassed the subject pretty thoroughly with Prof. Lord (in charge of the Department of Mining and Metallurgy), and that what they had concluded best to be done by the Institute in the premises would be presented a little later on, after the presentation of some other matter bearing on the subject.

A paper by Prof. Lord, on "Education of Mining Engineers," being upon the same subject as the above committee's, was then presented, and, after pretty thorough discussion, Mr. Roy offered the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, The mining industry of the State is second in importance only to agriculture; and

WHEREAS, Provision is made by law for mining education in the State University; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That in the sense of the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers, the mining engineers of the State must be subserved by representation on the Board of Trustees of the Ohio State University.

*Resolved*, That the Secretary of the Ohio Institute of Mining Engineers be requested to notify the Governor of the action of the Institute, and to call the attention of His Excellency to the facts recited in the above preamble and resolutions.

Adjourned to 8:30 A. M. next day, 13th.

At the opening of the morning session on the 13th, the further consideration and discussion of the subject in hand at the

time of adjournment on the 12th was had, and Mr. Roy read a bill that had been prepared, with a view of having it introduced in the General Assembly.

This brought out quite a lengthy discussion, and the following was offered by Mr. Jennings:

*Resolved*, That the bill offered by Mr. Roy be indorsed by this Institute, and referred to a committee, who shall take steps to secure its passage, and have authority to make such minor changes as may become desirable.

The resolution was passed, and Messrs. Roy, Bancroft and Jennings appointed as the committee.

Mr. McMillin moved that the report of the committee appointed at the Ironton meeting be accepted, the work of the committee be indorsed by the Institute, and that the Institute tender the committee a vote of thanks. Carried.

President Haseltine read a paper on "The Difficulties of Estimating the Quantity of Coal in Some Sections of the State."

Mr. Jennings having presented at a former meeting some statistics on the same subject, was called for, and stated that he had carried on his investigation during the year past, and confirmed and verified his former figures.

Mr. Roy read a portion of a letter from a gentleman relative to an explosion that had recently occurred in a mine in Guernsey county, the first of the kind that ever occurred in the State. Some little informal discussion was indulged in by Messrs. Roy, Orton, Bancroft, McMillin, Morris and Lord.

Prof. Orton read a short paper, disclosing some new, interesting, and valuable facts of the Trenton limestone as a gas and oil producer.

Adjourned at noon until 2 P. M.

At the afternoon session, Mr. Bancroft presented a paper on "Recent Developments of Coal Fields in Ohio," followed by Mr. Cobb in a paper on "Mining Laws of the State," following which Mr. Roy read a paper on "The Waving of the Coal Measures." Votes of thanks were tendered each of the foregoing parties for their papers.

Upon proper recommendation of the Executive Committee, Mr. Sherrard, of Steubenville, Ohio, was taken from the list of active members, and elected an honorary member.

The election of officers for the ensuing year was proceeded with, and resulted in honoring W. H. Jennings with the Presidency, R. M. Haseltine, Vice President, R. S. Weitzell, Secretary and Treasurer, and as elective members of the Executive Committee, Emerson McMillin, T. B. Bancroft and Edward Orton, jr.

The President read a bill from Argus Publishing Co., having about \$61.00 balance due them for publishing Journal. W. J. Hester moved that the bill be referred to Executive Committee. Carried. Subject of continuing the publication of the Journal

was taken up, and a motion placed in charge of the Executive Committee.

The applications of J. A. Ede, of Ironton, Ohio, and George White, of New Floodwood, Ohio, were presented and both parties elected members.

Time and place of holding next meeting was brought up, and Cambridge, Hocking Valley, Wellston and Findlay advocated; matter put in the hands of Executive Committee.

Mr. Roy offered the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Secretary notify all delinquents that if their dues are not paid up on or before the first of June, their names will be dropped from the rolls of the Institute.

*Resolved*, further, That the Secretary submit a revised list of all members in good standing at the summer meeting of the Institute.

The discussions of the various papers read were taken by Miss Julia Jenkins, stenographer, and will be found in their proper places in the Journal.

The Secretary might add that he wrote His Excellency, Hon. J. B. Foraker, Governor, on the 24th day of January, in compliance with resolution passed at this Eighth Annual Meeting.

Since the meeting the Secretary has been advised through Mr. Roy that the Argus Printing or Publishing Co. hold no claim against the Institute.

R. S. WEITZELL,

*Secretary.*

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