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# PREFATORY NOTE.

The Sixth Edition of the System of Mineralogy was published in 1892; the First Appendix appeared in 1899 and the Second Appendix in 1909. The present issue, which is the Third Appendix, covers as far as possible the period between Jan. 1, 1909, and Jan. 1, 1915, or six years in all. The fact that since August, 1914, the European war has materially affected the mail service from foreign countries, makes it probable that some publications appearing after that date have not been received. All of the important Journals, however, have been obtained for this period and their contents reviewed.

That investigators in mineralogy have been active during the last six years is evidenced by the size of this Appendix as well as by the fact that about one hundred and eighty new mineral names have been proposed. Of these minerals which have received new names about one-third are apparently well established species. The others are clearly to be considered as varieties of already well-known species or, because of their incomplete investigation, must for the present be considered of somewhat doubtful authenticity. The division of the new names into the three classes, (1) of varieties, (2) of doubtful species, (3) of established species, is indicated by the three kinds of type used in the Classified List to be found on pages ix-xiii.

In general the present Appendix follows closely in its character and arrangement the precedents established by the two previous issues. As in the Second Appendix, no attempt has been made to recalculate angles, ratios, etc.; the author's figures being accepted in each case as published. In order to limit the size of the volume as far as possible it has been found necessary to treat the material very briefly and concisely. With the increased activity in crystallographic investigations the number of new forms observed upon the crystals of established species has become very large. It was found impracticable to properly list all of these new forms and, after careful consideration of the matter, it was decided to omit them entirely whenever the mineral in question was one whose crystal character and habit were already well understood. In all cases, however, where an article described a new crystal form, that fact is noted in the reference to it.

The most important single new development in mineralogical investigation during the period covered by this Appendix has been the use of the X-Ray as a means of studying the molecular structure of crystals. The first paper on this new line of attack was published in 1912 and since then a number of investigators have been active in this field. While only a beginning has been made, the results already achieved have been of great interest and show that much may be expected in the future from this method of investigation. While the work, so far, has been largely physical in character, it has so large a bearing on future crystallographic work that it has seemed advisable to give a short bibliography of the more important papers that have appeared. This will be found at the end of the usual bibliography on p. vi. The list has been largely compiled from references given by W. H. Bragg and W. L. Bragg in "X-Rays and Crystal Structure", a book which summarizes the work already done in this field.

During the period covered by this Appendix the following new Journals have appeared; the abbreviations adopted in referring to them are indicated after the titles:

Fortschritte der Mineralogie, Kristallographie und Petrographie. G. Linck. Vol. 1. 1911. (Fortschr. Min.).

Beiträge zur Krystallographie und Mineralogie. Victor Goldschmidt. Vol. 1, 1914 (Beitr. Kr.).

Chemie der Erde. K. Linck. Vol. 1, 1914. (Chem. Erde.)

For the explanation of the other Abbreviations made use of in the case of periodicals, also of the crystallographical, optical and chemical symbols employed, reference is made to the Introduction to the System (1892), pp. xlv-li and pp. xiii-xl. General abbreviations are employed on pp. |xi-|xiii.

The bibliography, while not intended to be exhaustive, contains, it is thought, the titles of all important volumes published between 1909 and 1915.

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# INTRODUCTION.

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