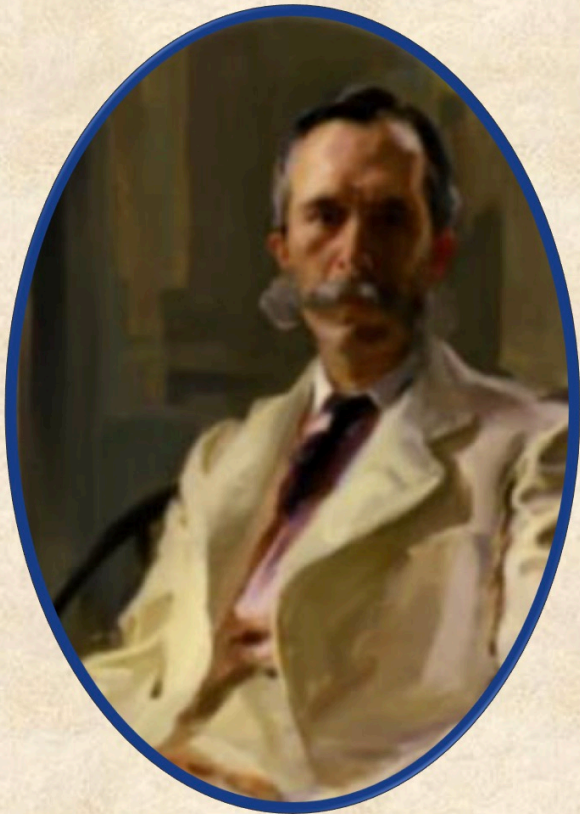


HENRY S. DRINKER (1850-1937)



Henry Sturgis Drinker was the fifth President of Lehigh University, and the first Lehigh Engineer of Mines graduate, shortly after being a founder of A.I.M.E. Much of his “working career,” before he went to Lehigh, was with the Lehigh Valley Coal Company and the Lehigh Valley Railroad, eventually becoming the General Solicitor.

He became President at Lehigh after the death of Thomas Messinger Drown, another of the 23.

There is an excellent discussion on the A.I.M.E./Lehigh nexus in pages from the May 2021 Iron and Steel Technology, by Lilly Schroer, a Materials Science and Engineering student from the Georgia Institute of Technology; Michele Lawrie-Munro, AIME Executive Director; and ... George Luxbacher.



"In looking back over sixty years of active membership in our organization, I am impressed with the wise program for its development announced in the circular issued by Eckley B. Coxe, Richard P. Rothwell and Martin Coryell...

"I look back to those early days of the Institute with ... gratitude to the able and distinguished men who led the movement. They were kind to, and considerate of, their younger brethren, and I owed much to their friendship and kindly consideration, and this was the case with all our younger brothers...

"Many an engineer who rose to name and fame could look back after with gratitude for kindly and efficient support and direction,

"...given freely by all the fathers of the Institute. The Institute itself, as a body, through its papers and discussions and volumes, has been a potent aid and factor in the education and training of our American mining engineers. I know through all its history how our Institute has stood for the aid and encouragement of its younger members, and I can personally testify with a full heart to this.

"I am proud of the Institute, proud of its history and of its record of accomplishment, and of its growth covering our whole country, out of the small beginning at Wilkes-Barre in 1871."

