

# Rossiter Worthington Raymond (1840-1918)

Among those who attended the first meeting a man whose support the originators felt was needed to give gravitas to the organization, Rossiter Raymond, 31-year-old Professor of Ore Deposits at Lafayette College, which in 1868 had conferred on him an honorary doctorate. He was editor of the E&MJ, which was the media arm of A.I.M.E. until 1877. His New York City office became the unofficial center for the mining engineering fraternity.

At the February 1919 A.I.M.E. Annual Meeting, the Institute paid honor to the memory of Raymond, “who was for 47 years the guiding genius of the Institute.” Henry Sturgis Drinker, the President of Lehigh University, described him as “one of the most remarkable cases of versatility that our country has ever seen—sailor, soldier, engineer, lawyer, orator, editor, novelist, story-teller, poet, biblical critic, theologian, teacher, chess-player—he was superior in each capacity. What he did, he always did well.”

In 1920 A.I.M.E. published a 95-page “memorial,” which contained a “brief biography” four pages in length.

He was President 1872 to 1875 and Secretary 1884 to 1912.

