

Prof. Thomas Egleston (1832-1900), a mineralogist working at the Smithsonian Institution, suggested that Columbia create a School of Mines in 1863. In less than a year the School opened its doors, with him in the special chair for mineralogy and metallurgy. He continued to teach at Columbia and was made Professor Emeritus in 1897. Egleston was chosen president of AIME in 1886 and published over one hundred articles in its *Transactions*.

