

ALBRECHT SCHRAUF.

Although not more than 60 years of age at the time of his death, which took place on November 29th, 1897, the Professor of Mineralogy in the University of Vienna had been failing in health for a considerable time, and his decease can have been no surprise to his friends. Since 1896, when he lost the sight of one eye by the accidental entry of direct sunlight into the telescope of his goniometer, he had become partly incapacitated.

Educated in Vienna under the influence of Grailich, he was early attracted by the crystallographic methods of Miller, studied physics under von Ettingshausen, and so laid the foundation of what in after life proved to be his chief study, and the one on which in 1860-8 he published his well-known text-book, *Physikalische Mineralogie*. He became successively Assistant in the Hofmineralien Cabinet of Vienna, Professor of Mineralogy at Lemberg, Keeper of the Hofmineralien Cabinet, and in 1874 succeeded Reuss as Professor in the University. In his younger days he was closely associated with the Archduke Stephan, whose fine collection he studied for the preparation of a catalogue, and to whom he dedicated his *Atlas der Krystallformen*, which was intended to be a systematic representation of all the known forms of minerals. This work was never finished, but the five parts which were completed remain as a monument to his industry. The list of Schrauf's published books and papers (about 120) sufficiently indicates the wide range of his studies, and the active mind which has been lost to mineralogy by his death. His more prominent memoirs were devoted to (1) the physical and geometrical properties of crystals, (2) the atomic structure of crystals, and (3) mineral paragenesis. The last subject was always an important feature of his course. As a teacher Schrauf was extremely successful, and those who enjoyed the privilege of visiting his Institute under the personal guidance of the Professor were deeply impressed by the completeness of his system and educational methods. The details of Schrauf's life can be gleaned from a sympathetic biographical sketch published by one of his most distinguished pupils, Professor R. Scharizer, of Czernowitz.

His friends and pupils are desirous of raising a monument to his memory, and Dr. A. Pelikan is willing to receive subscriptions for this purpose at the Mineralogisches Institut, Universität, Wien. H. A. M.