

products of the actual activity of Vesuvius, of the compound $Mn_2K_2(SO_4)_3$.
Rend. Accad. Sci. Fis. Mat. Napoli, **30**, 123-126 (1924).

NAME: In reference to its composition, a *manganese*, potassium sulphate analagous to *langbeinite*.

CHEMICAL COMPOSITION: Contains manganese and potassium. Believed to be analagous to langbeinite. Formula: $2MnSO_4 \cdot K_2SO_4$.

CRYSTALLOGRAPHIC PROPERTIES: Isometric, tetrahedrons.

PHYSICAL AND OPTICAL PROPERTIES: Color rose red. Isotropic; $n=1.572$.
Sp. Gr. 3.02-3.03.

OCCURRENCE: Found as small crystals in stalactites of thenardite and halite with sylvite and apthitalite in a cavern formed in Sept.-Oct. 1922 in the lava of Vesuvius.

DISCUSSION: This mineral agrees in properties with the artificially formed salt. Its chemical composition should be further investigated. W. F. F.

NOTES AND NEWS

It is with pleasure that we reproduce the photograph of Colonel Washington A. Roebing as the frontispiece of this issue. The late arrival of the photograph prevented its use in the March number where it should have appeared to accompany the announcement of the Colonel's generous gift.

Colonel Washington A. Roebing has received so many congratulatory letters regarding his gift to the Mineralogical Society that he has been unable to answer them all individually. He has asked that the following statement be inserted in the Journal: "Col. Roebing desires to express his thanks for the grateful appreciation of his gift to the Mineralogical Society from all over the country and Canada. He is pleased that it has been his privilege to contribute to the advancement of this science, a science which is the gateway to the ultimate constitution of matter."

The recent endowment will now permit of an expansion in the size of the Journal. From suggestions already received there seems to be a demand for a larger number of original articles together with a more liberal allowance for cuts and illustrations. Suggestions are invited from all the members of the Society who wish to state their views on the needs that should be given first consideration.

A request has been received for the Journal to publish the names of those members who wish to exchange specimens and thereby enlarge their mineral collections. Those desiring to engage in such an exchange are asked to notify the Editor. The list of names thus obtained will then be printed from time to time in the *Mineralogist*.