

analyses, lists of localities, etc.; also for the authorities for data here quoted. In certain directions, however, the work has been expanded when the interests of the student have seemed to demand it; for example, in the statement of the characters of the various isomorphous groups. Attention is also called to the paragraph headed "Diff.," in the description of each common species, in which are given the distinguishing characters, particularly those which serve to separate it from other species with which it might be easily confounded.

The list of American localities of minerals, which appeared as an Appendix in the earlier edition, has been omitted, since in its present expanded form it requires more space than could well be given to it; further, its reproduction here is unnecessary since it is accessible to all interested not only in the System of Mineralogy but also in separate form. A full topical Index has been added, besides the usual Index of Species.

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