

## EDITORIAL

SINCE the disappearance of *The Mineral Collector* as an independent journal over seven years ago, there has been no publication available to the various mineralogical societies of America in common for the interchange of notices of their proceedings or papers, or to collectors in general as a medium for learning of or describing new localities and finds or promoting exchanges.

After prolonged discussion and a thoro consideration of the desirability of, and responsibilities connected with, the preparation of such a journal, we herewith venture to initiate a new monthly publication for which the name AMERICAN MINERALOGIST has been selected and which is designed to supply this need.

In further detail its object is to bring mineralogists, both amateur and professional, into active sympathy and coöperation, and to further this aim we hope to enlist the good will, appreciation, and assistance of all collectors of minerals, students of mineralogy and, as well, those actively engaged in mineralogical investigation and research. Our appeal to the latter rests not only upon the circumstance that important material for investigation is often provided by observant collectors, but also on our conviction that the ranks of investigators will be enlarged from time to time by recruits whose interest in descriptive mineralogy may be first awakened by the less technical papers in our journal.

Letters; articles on minerals, localities, excursions and similar subjects, especially announcements of new varieties or species; and critical suggestions from our readers, are earnestly solicited and will be gratefully received. When of general interest such communications will, as far as possible, be published or otherwise receive due consideration, and the character of the journal will be largely determined thereby.

Every effort will be made to obtain and feature a majority of articles of non-technical character so that mineral collectors, students, and those interested in mineral production or products who may be unacquainted with the more advanced phases of Geochemistry, Geophysics, and Geology will find the magazine of utility.

The journal cannot assume responsibility for the statements or views of contributors or advertizers. Conservative simplified spelling and readily comprehensible abbreviations will be used thruout.

THE EDITORS.