

10, altho the year's average was raised to 17 by one special number. This has enabled us not only to pay expenses thruout the year, but even, with the assistance of friends, to reduce our deficit considerably. While at the beginning of volume 4 we will not be able to exceed this size, an increase is looked forward to in the near future, as the stabilization of world conditions brings increases in our subscription list and advertising columns.

As to subject-matter, we have endeavored to publish both popular and technical articles,—to promote mineralogy as a hobby as well as a science. A cordial invitation is extended to all of our readers to give us the benefit of their experiences in collecting and studying minerals. In our department, "Abstracts of mineralogic literature," we have made an effort to notice every article which might properly be regarded as mineralogical in character, giving especially full descriptions of all new minerals, appearing since the beginning of 1916. Articles on economic and petrologic subjects are included when they contain important new evidence bearing on problems of mineral constitution, genesis, etc. When the number of pages per number had to be diminished, we tried allotting only a page or two to these abstracts, but this soon led to our getting a year or more behind in noticing some articles, so toward the end of volume 3 we have assigned additional space to this department, and as a result it is now being rapidly brought up to date. Recent war activities have prevented or delayed our obtaining copies of many foreign publications, but we hope ultimately to include in our pages a complete account of all mineralogic work published since the beginning of 1916.

In conclusion, the undersigned desire to express their gratitude to subscribers, advertisers and friends who have so generously extended to us financial assistance and enabled us to continue publication in spite of adverse conditions in the past few years. With the beginning of volume 4 the AMERICAN MINERALOGIST may be said to have passed the experimental stage, and to be on the road to success.

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PROCEEDINGS OF SOCIETIES

THE PHILADELPHIA MINERALOGICAL SOCIETY

WAGNER FREE INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE, NOVEMBER 14, 1918

The Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting of the Philadelphia Mineralogical Society (postponed from October on account of the epidemic of influenza) was held on the above date with the president, Dr. Leffmann, in the chair.

The resignation of the secretary, Dr. Jones, was announced, and upon motion of the president, the former secretary, Mr. Samuel G. Gordon, was elected to the office.

Dr. Henry Leffmann presented his Presidential Address, on "The Oldest Manual of Mineralogy—Theophrastus, On Stones."

Mr. John G. Rothermel, Director of the Institute, described a trip to the Kutztown Cave, Berks Co., Pa. Mr. Gordon reported two trips to Middletown and Upper Providence, Delaware County, with negative results.

SAMUEL G. GORDON, *Secretary*.