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**EDITORIAL**

It has been decided to bring volume I of the **American Mineralogist** to a close with this number, so that volumes will correspond to calendar years. Volume II will begin in January and will contain twelve numbers. Subscribers who have paid for a year in advance will receive the first six numbers of volume II. Anyone desiring to have their subscription expire at the end of a volume hereafter may pay half the annual price at any time.

Volume I has been an experiment, and from many points of view a successful one, judging from the commendatory letters we have received. Altho at first an undue share of the articles has been prepared by the editors, contributions from others have begun to come in, manuscript sufficient to fill the first four numbers of volume II being already at hand, and more is definitely in preparation. We have endeavored to obtain both technical and popular articles, and trust that the contents of the magazine have been varied enough to satisfy every one.

Financially the magazine has not been prosperous. About the time we started, the price of paper took a jump, and for this and similar reasons the cost of publication has considerably exceeded our original estimates. Col. Washington A. Roebling, with characteristic generosity, has made a large contribution toward the expenses of our first volume; and we have received liberal assistance from our advertisers, and in particular from Dr. George F. Kunz. If the second volume is to be as successful as the first, however, we must double our subscription list. We therefore call upon our friends to help us: If you find the **American Mineralogist** of interest, assistance, and value to you, tell your acquaintances and correspondents about it. If every present subscriber could but obtain one or two new ones during the coming year, our success would be assured.