

INTELLIGENCE OF TORTOISES.

Anecdotes in the *Revue Scientifique* appear to show that these creatures must be credited with a considerable amount of intelligence. M. Boucard writes of one which lived in his garden, and when called aloud by its name, "Laideron," would immediately run towards the voice with all the speed a tortoise can muster. The *Testudo mauritanica* of M. Boisse showed even more intelligence, —learned to come when called by a hissing sound, followed its master like a little dog, relished caresses bestowed on its head and neck, gave gentle bites to show its affection, and would climb upon its master's boots, or pull at his clothes, to draw his attention.—*Popular Science News.*

Editorial Corner.

Owing to pressure of other duties we are not able at present to devote to the MONTHLY the amount of attention and labor necessary to an increase in size to 32 pages, as we hoped we should be able to do. We will however do our best to make our little journal as interesting and valuable as possible in its present form, and entertain the hope that with an increased subscription list and a little more leisure on our own part, we shall be able to make the enlargements well as other desired improvements.

The subscription to the MONTHLY is now only 50 cents a year. A number of subscribers have sent in one dollar each to pay for a year's subscription. We will either return the extra 50 cents, send postpaid anything on our mineral catalogue at a reduction of 10 per cent. in price to the amount, or apply the same to continuation of subscription. The latter will be done unless we receive instructions to the contrary from those interested.

Our readers will kindly remember that original notes or more elaborate articles, suitable for our columns, are always gladly received.