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"THE MINING MAGAZINE."

We have looked with considerable eagerness for the first number of Mr. T. A. Rickard's new monthly. The high standard set by our contemporary, *Mining and Scientific Press*, led us to expect even better things from *The Mining Magazine*. And we have not been disappointed.

For the benefit of those of our readers who have not yet seen a copy of *The Mining Magazine*, we may explain that it is a new monthly mining periodical, published in London, England. Its object is to supply mining men, all over the English-speaking world, with a just monthly summary of mining news and technical progress, and a careful digest of current professional literature. Its publishers believe that a monthly publication will be best suited to this end. Specifically its aim is well summed up in the first editorial paragraph of the first number: "The purpose of this periodical is to be useful to those engaged in mining."

It is superfluous to say that *The Mining Magazine* will be honestly and capably conducted. Mr. Rickard's name is ample guarantee of this. But we shall expect more. If the initial number may be taken as a representative sample, and not a specimen, *The Mining Magazine* is assured of success. Its editorials are clear, outspoken and interesting—and of these three virtues the last is the rarest. The arrangement is effective. A general review of mining precedes the editorials. These are followed by special correspondence from the larger mining centres. Then come the markets, discussion, contributed articles, and the regular departments, of which that entitled "Précis of Technology" seems eminently instructive.

With the exception of one anonymous article on "Investments and Speculations," the entire 82 pages of reading matter in the first number of our youngest contemporary are alike readable and useful. This anonymous article includes a tabular classification of mining shares according to their present value as investments. *The Mining Magazine* treads on dangerous ground in giving this class of article. Although published in all good faith, material such as this is extremely open to misuse. We agree heartily with the editorial dictum of *The Mining Magazine* itself, that it is best to leave stock market tipping to the financial periodicals. But in justice to *The Mining Magazine* we must assure our readers that our contemporary's avowed policy emphasizes this point as strongly as does our own.

In welcoming *The Mining Magazine* we are not fulsome when we say that it is bright, clean, thoroughly reliable, and, from a technical point of view, more than