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*Coins, Medals, and Seals, Ancient and Modern ; illustrated and described, with a sketch of the history of coins and coinage, instruction for young collectors, tables of comparative rarity, price lists of English and American coins, medals, and tokens, &c.* Edited by W. C. PRIME. New York : Harper & Brothers. Montreal : B. Dawson & Son.

Mr. Prime has done good service to the young numismatist in the preparation of this book. The engravings of coins and medals, with the descriptions of their devices and legends, appear to be from English sources, and with the exception of the American coins, medals, and tokens, have, if we mistake not, come from the hands of English engravers. It is too much the habit of Messrs. Harper to conceal the sources from which many of their works are derived, thus depriving the legitimate author of the credit which he merits. This practice cannot be too strongly reprobated by every lover of fair dealing and of sound literature. Notwithstanding this stricture we cannot withhold our meed of praise for the excellent and practical way in which the editor has treated his valuable materials. No better book on this subject can be put into the hands of young persons. The historical matter and hints to young collectors will be found most useful. The book is beautifully printed, and with the exception noted reflects credit upon the publishers.

*The Zoologist.* No. 224, London, Van Voorst, has been received. It contains many interesting and original notices on the subjects to which its pages are devoted and is indispensable to the student of Natural History.

*The Geologist.* No. 37, Vol. 4, London, has also come to hand and contains excellent and highly interesting articles by Roberts, Salter & Salmon. Also, the continuation of a paper on the Fossil Flint implements by the editor, Mr. Mackie, with well executed illustrations. This Magazine happily combines the popular and the scientific elements.

*The Canadian Journal.* No. 31, for January, Toronto, has been received and contains original articles by Professors Chapman Croft and Hincks, and Messrs. McIlwraith & Robb, together with