

EDITORIAL.



WE have great pleasure in presenting this, the first number of Volume II. of *The Antiquarian*. Although the publication of this magazine entails much labor upon the editing committee and expense to the Society under whose auspices it is published, yet it is felt that with the kind co-operation of friends interested in the subjects to which it is devoted, it may yet become a valuable repository of interesting incident, and serve to perpetuate many minor, but none the less important, items relating to numismatic and historic study.

— As promised in our last number, the volume for the present year will be more copiously illustrated, and at least one copper-plate or steel engraving will appear with each number. We trust our friends will rally to our support, and that our list of subscribers may be largely increased.

REVIEWS.



THE Banker's Almanac for 1873, issued at the office of *The Banker's Magazine*, New York, contains facsimilies of thirty-three new coins of the past two years, including those of Japan 9; England 2; Canada 1; France 4; Germany 2; Russia 1; Spain 2; Sweden 1; Denmark 1; Austria 3; Italy 2; Mexico 1; Portugal 2; Netherlands 1; Wurtemberg 1.

These facsimiles, are interesting as a matter of history and Numismatics; and will be followed next January by those of 1873, including the new trade dollar of the United States. The following is a facsimile of the new silver coin of Japan, called the *yen*, which approaches, in size and value, the American dollar.