

IV.—EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Dr. Strong's New Book.

The admirable article* in this number, by Dr. Josiah Strong, author of "Our Country," and one of our editorial correspondents, we have obtained, by joint permission of the author and his publishers, Messrs. Baker & Taylor, it being Chapter I. of Dr. Strong's forthcoming book, "The New Era." Knowing the general plan and scope of the work just about to appear, we greatly desired to print in these pages the substance of its magnificent opening chapter, partly for its intrinsic value as a source of inspiration on missions, and partly to whet the appetite of the reader for more. Dr. Strong has struck the philosophy of history, and as one of the most vigorous thinkers of the age will command a hearing. Our readers may be interested to know what other themes are to be discussed in this book, and by Dr. Strong's permission we give the titles of the other chapters :

Chapter II. The Destiny of the Race.

Chapter III. The Contribution made by the Three Great Races of Antiquity.

Chapter IV. The Contribution made by the Anglo-Saxon.

Chapter V. The Authoritative Teacher.

Chapter VI. The Two Fundamental Laws of Christ.

Chapter VII. Popular Discontent.

Chapter VIII. The Problem of the Country.

Chapter IX. The Problem of the City.

Chapter X. The Separation of the Masses from the Church.

Chapter XI. The Mission of the Church.

Chapter XII. The Necessity of New Methods.

Chapter XIII. Necessity of Personal Contact.

Chapter XIV. Necessity of Co-operation.

Chapter XV. The Two Great Princi-

* "The Nineteenth Century One of Preparation," page 7.

ples Applied to the Two Great Problems.

Chapter XVI. An Enthusiasm for Humanity.

London, and, in fact, all England, is in a state of ferment. The well-known conflict between Labor and Capital comes now and then, and with greater frequency, to the front. Ten thousand Jews in the city of London propose to march barefooted through the streets ; and it is said they are in a practically half-starved condition. It is also said that nearly twenty thousand engineers are out of employment in this metropolis alone. The poverty is abject and appalling, and the condition of the poor threatens the very stability of the nation. This matter of the conflict between employers and employed must have a speedy settlement ; and he will be the greatest statesman of this present era who is able to reconcile these adjusting interests and claims. At present no one has appeared above the horizon who seems competent to grapple with these immense issues. There seems to be little use in preaching the Gospel to half-starved people out of employment, whose particular clamor is for bread ; and this is one of the greatest missionary questions of the age.

A Most Startling Fact.

One of the most remarkable events of modern times is that vast Hindu Conference recently held at Benares, India, to take steps toward the saving of Hinduism from the encroachments of Christianity.

Among other things, the Conference recommended that October 30th, 1892, should be set apart as a special day of prayer to the Supreme Power for the preservation of the Hindu religion.

Probably in the whole history of the world there has never before been a day set apart in the heathen or pagan or Mohammedan lands for prayer for the