

IV.—EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Prospectus.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW will enter upon the sixteenth year of its history when the new year opens; and its editors desire to make it more absolutely worthy of the growing patronage extended to it. No expense has been spared and no labor shirked which could help to equip it more fully for the aggressive work of disseminating missionary information and quickening intelligent zeal. Some new features will be added from time to time as facilities may be afforded and plans for improvement matured. Especially do we contemplate the following changes:

1. Illustrated articles will be made use of as far as practicable.

2. The "Monthly Concert" Department will be changed to a "Monthly Field of Survey," retaining all desirable features of the present method, but somewhat widening the horizon of view and making the scope of treatment more comprehensive.

3. The Editorial Department will be made more valuable by giving more prominence to book reviews, and to comments on current events and developments of missionary history.

4. A higher standard will be adopted as to the papers admitted to the columns of the REVIEW. We shall aim, in the Literary Department, more at matter of permanent value, leaving to the Intelligence Department the news from the field, which has a transient interest.

5. We still wish to furnish Student Volunteers with the REVIEW at reduced cost, or even free; and so far as friends contribute to this purpose, faithful use will be made of the help thus extended. Those willing to give money to promote the free circulation of the REVIEW among those who amid comparative poverty are struggling to get ready for the foreign field, may send amounts to the editors or publishers, indicating always the purpose to which they are to be applied.

6. Free discussion of all problems pertaining to missions at home and abroad will be welcomed in these pages, the editors making but two reservations: first, that the REVIEW is not responsible for the views which are expressed by contributors; and, secondly, that where such views seem to us to be at essential variance with evangelical truth, these pages cannot be placed at the disposal of the writers.

7. Wherever manuscripts are illegible, written on both sides of the paper, misspelled and ungrammatical, or otherwise unfit for publication without undue labor on the part of the editor, we cannot either use them nor promise to return them to the writers unless stamps are inclosed. Whatever is sent us for publication should be ready for the printer and need no editorial supervision.

8. Authors, when accessible, may ordinarily correct their own proofs if the changes they make do not affect structure, or involve too much alteration, and too much trouble to the typesetter.

9. All solicited articles will be paid for so far as the resources of the REVIEW permit. Articles voluntarily sent, when available, will be also paid for, at such rates as the editor deems proportionate to their value and the ability of the REVIEW.

10. Rev. James Douglas, of London, will act as English contributor for the present, especially furnishing items of interest from the British societies, etc.

Owing to a mistake of the printer, a brief article on *Higher Educational Methods in India* found its way into the Editorial Department of the November issue during the absence of the editor-in-chief in Chicago. For its sentiments the editor disclaims responsibility. It was "held over" matter from the pen of our English correspondent, Rev. James Douglas, which had been crowded out of previous num-