

III.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

Editorial Prospectus for 1891.

The editor cordially salutes his readers with the best wishes of the New Year. Notwithstanding the decease of the associate editor, no material change will be needful either in the character or contents of THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD. The editor-in-chief will be aided by the prolific and graceful pen of the Rev. J. T. Gracey, D.D., president of the International Missionary Union, under whose sagacious control it is hoped that the International Department may supply to our readers even richer stores of missionary information and inspiration. The Rev. A. J. Gordon, D.D., of Boston, whose praise is in all the churches, will act as a regular editorial contributor, and we can think of no man in this country whose words will be read with more interest and profit.

Beside this editorial staff we shall be aided by a large and able body of editorial correspondents and contributors, and no pains will be spared to secure the best talent and the most consecrated piety in the service of this REVIEW. These pages will be devoted to the discussion of all the great questions connected with the spread of the Gospel both at home and abroad, and will be open to the advocacy of every cause or measure which is linked with human well-being, and to the impartial and critical investigation of all forms of philanthropic and Christian endeavor.

It will be observed that, in the interests of greater unity and simplicity of arrangement, we have but four main departments:

I. *The Literature of Missions*, including papers pertaining to general topics, translations from foreign periodicals, etc.

II. *The International Department*, under the efficient conduct of Dr. Gracey.

III. *The Editorial Department*, in-

cluding notes by the editor on various topics and looks of a missionary character, and editorial correspondence.

IV. *The Department of Intelligence*, including the Monthly Concert, General Items of Information, Statistics and Monthly Bulletin.

The editor will spare no pains, and the publishers no expense, in securing from the ablest sources whatever will enrich the columns of this magazine. We hope to make it indispensable to every minister and missionary, theological student or friend of human weal. We have planted our standard on a level higher than any denominational platform, and shall seek to unite all true disciples of Christ in a new crusade against all the powers of darkness, and in favor of a speedy and universal proclamation of the Gospel. Once more we ask the prayerful and sympathetic co-operation of every Christian, and invoke, upon this sincere and unselfish endeavor, the blessing of the Master of us all!

The editor would add a special word to contributors of articles intended for publication. So great is the influx of unsolicited manuscripts already becoming that even the reading of them has been almost impossible. Of course, preference will be given to papers which have been solicited; but those who desire to send manuscripts would ordinarily do wisely, before sending, to inform the editor of such intention, state the topic, and inquire whether they are likely to be used. The editor begs to say, also, that the qualities of brevity, directness, and, especially, freshness of matter and pertinency to the great questions of missions, will give particular value to contributed matter. We cannot undertake to return rejected manuscripts unless stamps for that purpose are enclosed with them when forwarded to us. Any recent and well accredited