

## VIII.—EDITORIAL NOTES ON CURRENT TOPICS.

[The lack of space constrains us to lay over a mass of Editorial Notes already in type.—Ebs.]

## Editorial Card to the Public.

IN the Jan. number of this REVIEW, (1888) we admitted an article from Rev. Wm. Clark, D.D., on "Mission Work in Papal Europe," and in a prefatory note we warmly indorsed the writer and commended his cause—the Female College at Florence, Italy. Dr. Clark was a stranger to us, but he presented so many strong testimonials from eminent clergymen and others whom we knew, that we unhesitatingly gave full credence to his statements, and said what we did in his behalf. We deeply regret to say that we have lately received evidence from the best sources of information that we were deceived and imposed upon by this man, and that he is unworthy of confidence or aid, and we hereby withdraw our indorsement and forbid him to use it. From the American consul at Florence we learn that no such institution now exists in Florence. And Dr. Cyrus Hamlin assures us that our statement about his services at Constantinople is essentially untruthful. It grieves us to make such a statement, but truth and justice and the cause of Christ demand it at our hands.

## A Correction.

IN our January issue we gave credit for the article—"England and Foreign Missions"—to Rev. James Johnston, "Secretary of the World's Missionary Conference." We were misled in making this statement in a way that attaches no blame to any one. But we desire to state that, though possessed of the same honored name, our contributor is another clergyman, a resident of Bolton, England, who has volunteered to post us from time to time with the current ongoings of missionary life in Great Britain. He will continue his useful service and, when the topic is too brief for a separate paper we shall append his simple initials, or *Our English Correspondent*, as in the present number.

## The Bound Volume for 1888.

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## Statistical Tables.

"The Missionary Review," in the hands of Mr. Wilder, earned a deserved reputation for the skill and painstaking labor shown in the matter of missionary statistics. "Wilder's Tables" were simply marvels in their way and are cited as authority everywhere. We had hoped and planned to carry on this good work unto perfection, but our wishes and plans for the first year failed. But we still purpose to accomplish it at any cost, and are maturing arrangements that will bring it about during the year. In the meanwhile we avail ourselves of the results of others' labors. The Tables we give this month, published by the American Board, are exceedingly valuable for reference, while our own table on woman's work is full and reliable.