

#### IV.—EDITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

The Second Student Volunteer Convention, Detroit, February 28th to March 4th, will be not only the largest student convention ever held in the world, but the largest, most representative missionary convention ever held in America. Over six hundred student delegates from at least two hundred colleges, theological seminaries, and medical schools will be present. All the missionary societies of the United States and Canada are invited to send official representatives; already thirty-seven societies, including all leading organizations, have accepted, and none rejected, the invitation. Forty or more of the strongest available missionaries, representing all parts of the world, will be there; and Hudson Taylor and Miss Guinness will come from England on special invitation. The British Volunteers send a fraternal delegate, their travelling secretary. The programme includes the leading missionary speakers of the United States, Canada, and Britain. There will be the most complete educational exhibit on missions ever made, on which for months a strong committee has been at work. The leaders of every missionary enterprise will be there, and scores of board secretaries and missionaries to strike key-notes and stir up the convention by their messages and appeals. There will be discussions and section meetings, and the programme is as complete as any we ever saw. Let prayer unceasing go up to God as the best preparation for this gathering.

A mistake was made on page 133, February issue, footnote, where "Peeps into China" is attributed to Dr. Dennis instead of Rev. Gilbert Reid. Also on page 139, instead of "Colonel" Hadley, it is S. H. Hadley, who is superintendent of the Water Street Mission. Colonel H. H. Hadley is superintendent of St. Bartholomew's Mission, and was brought to Christ through S. H. Hadley.

The Church Missionary Society, of London, England, has received a telegram from Lagos, West Africa, announcing the death of the famous Niger missionary, Bishop Hill, and his wife. The dispatch contains no further details. This adds one more to the sad list of names of missionary bishops falling suddenly asleep in Africa.

Last January there was held in the Mission Board Rooms, No. 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City, a very important interdenominational conference on foreign missions, and representatives of various boards were present. The following was the general programme of the meetings: "How to Awaken and Maintain an Intelligent Missionary Spirit in the Home Churches," by Rev. J. O. Peck, D.D., of the Methodist Episcopal Church; "The Development of Self-Supporting Churches on the Foreign Field;" (a) "The Importance of this Measure," by Rev. J. N. Murdock, D.D.; (b) "The Best Means of Securing this End," by Rev. S. W. Duncan, D.D.; "The Means of Securing Missionary Candidates of the Highest Qualifications," by Rev. Henry N. Cobb, D.D., of the Congregational Church; "The True Relation of Mission Boards to Colleges on Mission Ground," by Rev. F. F. Ellinwood, D.D., of the Presbyterian Church; "Practical Provision for Missionaries, as to Outfits, Houses, Salaries, Furloughs, and Support of Children," by Rev. A. Sutherland, D.D., of the Methodist Church of Canada. Such comparison of views, on these important subjects, cannot fail to be productive of fellowship and all other good results.

The editorial note on Hudson Taylor and the "prayer for wind," as given in the January number, page 62, is not entirely correct, though it is substantially so. It seems that the captain was an earnest Christian. The story, as