

TRANSLATIONS FROM VARIOUS FOREIGN MISSIONARY MAGAZINES.

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PROTESTANTISM EXPOSED !

THE *Christliche Welt* contains the following gem taken from an Italian paper published near Naples :

" Catholic Christians, living in the truth proclaimed by Christ, are never intent on calumniating Protestants. But Protestants calumniate the Catholics in every way. Protestants are liars by nature. Each one makes for himself a law which pleases his passions ; by means of lies they gain access to Catholics. Their throat is an open sepulchre ; with their tongues they use deceit ; the poison of asps is under their lips ; their mouth is full of cursing and bitterness, as is written in Rom. iii : 13. Protestants are liars when they affirm that the Catholic faith is not that of the Apostles, when they paint black the Inquisition, when they charge the Catholic Church with shedding blood on St. Bartholomew's night, and with revoking the edict of Nantes. What the Protestants are is stated by Paul in Rom. i 29. Protestants are to be compared with mad dogs which run through fields and cause much danger ; they curse all they do not understand ; they are clouds without water, trees without fruit ; filthy as waves of the sea ; they fly about like a meteor which rapidly disappears and leaves nothing but darkness ; they are teachers of a church founded on polygamy and robbery ; their religion is based on murder and treachery ; they are enemies of Christ and cynically trample on His religion. What is written, Matt. xxiii : 33, applies to them—they are serpents, a generation of vipers. They have no firm doctrine : the teaching in London differs from that in Berlin. They believe what they like, and each one acts according to his pleasure. Under their smile they hide the kiss of Judas ; their individual reason is their law. They are ravenous wolves under the cloak of a lamb. They have spread themselves by means of the dagger and murder, lies and vices, crime and deception, blood and immorality. They make their reason the judge of revelation ; their Christianity is anti-Christianity. This is a true picture of Protestantism. Flee from their devilish art, by means of which they seek to turn souls away from the Church ! "

Surely, if Protestants henceforth do not know what they are this journal is not to be accused. But the best is yet to come. The next number of the same journal says :

" Martin Luther, the chief originator of the sect of the Protestants, throughout his entire life sustained the most intimate relations with the devil, from whom he received his unhallowed doctrines. The devil slept with Luther, he helped him in his studies, and even ate with him. Respecting Calvin and Zwingli, we know similar things. There exists, in recent times, a sect of devil-worshippers, which has no other origin than in the so-called Reformation."

The Yearly Report of the Pilgrim Mission of St. Chrischona, near Basel, in Switzerland, for 1887, gives the outlay of the mission at 128,955 francs, or \$24,501. This Mission house trains young men of different nationalities and denominations, mostly artisans, for Christian work in Europe, America and other parts of the world.

The *Berliner Missions-Berichte* says: " A new thought has lately entered into our mission work, namely, that we owe the heathen in our newly occupied colonies more affection, more attention and more labor, than we owe those among whom the Lord has so visibly opened the way for us and blessed our work among them. I cannot acknowledge the justice of this demand. The missionary cause is a *reichsunmittelbare Sache*." This phrase has a technical value in Germany, which needs explanation. Under the Empire, which was dissolved in 1806, the many princes of Germany were divided into two classes, those who, though exercising sovereignty over their own people, were themselves the vassals of other princes, and those who, whether their work was less or more, owned no superior except the Emperor. These latter were *reichsunmittelbare Fürsten*, "princes holding immediately of the Empire." So the writer of this maintains that missions depend immediately on Christ, and not on Christ through William II. "The cause rests upon the commission and Good Samaritan love of our Saviour, who will have all men saved and brought to the knowledge of the truth. Into this holy