

VI.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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—"At the present time what force have we here, besides the natives, for the evangelization of 10,000,000 Telugus and the training of nearly 50,000 Christians?—23 missionaries in all. Only 7 of these have ten years of experience. Two others only have five years or more, while 12 out of the 23 have but two years or less in India. These last are practically dumb. Is not this like sending flocks of sheep out into the deserts without shepherds? Oh, it is fearful to think of the way these people have been left! Here it is that the churches at home have utterly failed to appreciate and meet their share of this responsibility."—*The Lone Star*, Ramapatam, India (organ of American and Canadian Baptist Missions).

—"The Bible and the Veda may inculcate the same virtues; they may teach certain truths about God and man; they may give utterance to similar prayers and aspirations, as seen in the pathetic hymns of the Rig-Veda, addressed to Varuna: 'Let me not yet, O Varuna, enter into the house of clay; have mercy, Almighty, have mercy;' for human nature in this respect has always been the same, conscious of its deep need, and yearning for deliverance and satisfaction; but one of them alone—namely, the Bible—satisfies the thirst; responds to the cry in its gracious promises of rest in pardon and peace in communion with God. A careful comparison of religions—than which there cannot be a higher or more fruitful study—will assuredly bring out this striking contrast between the Bible and all other sacred books; will establish its satisfying character in distinction from the seeking spirit of other faiths. It satisfies

the spiritual hunger and thirst to which other religions give expression."—Rev. T. E. SLATER, in *Harvest Field* (Madras).

—"Mr. Höppner, of the S. P. G., mentions a conversation held some years previously with a German prince, who had once been in India. The prince referred to the exquisite Taj Mahal, and to Shah Akbar's tomb at Secundra. On his mentioning Secundra, Mr. Höppner inquired if he had visited the C. M. S. orphan house, which is in charge of Germans. 'No,' he answered, 'I have not seen it, and I deeply regret that I did not gain a fuller view of missions in India. But the fact is, the missionaries did not come to me, and I was entirely in the hands of the officials, and could not do what I would. I had to go where they carried me, and never a word about missions did they say.' This great orphanage is only a hundred yards distant from Akbar's grave."—*Evangelisch-Lutherisches Missionsblatt*.

—"Contemporary Hinduism, by contact with the Christian West, has acquired a certain outward varnish, but the inner rottenness often breaks out all the more irresistibly for this. The degradation, laziness, covetousness, and imperiousness of the temple priests is proverbial in India; the oppression of the women, especially of the widows; the refined voluptuousness of the men; the gross superstition; the earthly and fleshly temper of the masses; the devil worship of the lower castes and of the hill tribes; the general mendaciousness and characterlessness of the Hindus; the evermore apparent impotence of the better disposed in the endeavors for reformation; the oppression of the inferior castes—these things and many evil things besides are the rotten fruit on the tree of Hinduism, which, now that the elder atrocities have been abol-