

V.—GENERAL MISSIONARY INTELLIGENCE.

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Extracts and Translations from Foreign Periodicals.

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The March number of THE MISSIONARY REVIEW contained in this department some severe criticisms upon Herr Marensky, of Berlin, one of our highly esteemed editorial correspondents, from the pen of Rev. C. C. Starbuck, and based upon statements found in *Missionsblatt*, the missionary periodical of the Moravian Church, relating to his alleged views of missionary policy. Mr. S. properly waxed indignant that a word should be said in favor of the conception held by divers European civilians in high station concerning missions, to the effect that they may be employed to almost any extent for the furtherance of schemes of state. But such perversion and profanation Herr M. also holds in abomination, as he vigorously protests in a communication recently sent to this office. Nor would he reproduce Germany in any foreign territory. And, further, while his conviction is that the German churches are under obligations peculiarly solemn and urgent to evangelize the heathen found under the rule of the empire, and possess peculiar advantages for the performance of this task; if they are unable or neglectful, he would welcome missionaries of any country or denomination.

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AFRICA.

—"The Dutch Boers of South Africa begin to show some faint signs of a change of mind for the better toward the colored population, but they are still very deeply involved in unchristian prejudices. It is known that they belonged to the Reformed Church, into whose exclusive rights of pastoral care our Lutheran Mission is very careful

of intruding. However, a Boer named Greiling lately urged the Berlin missionary Düring to baptize two of his children, in a protracted absence of the Reformed pastors, which finally Mr. Düring consented to. Not long after, however, Greiling's neighbors, who had stood sponsors for his children, came to Mr. Düring, insisting that he should strike their names out of his baptismal register, 'that they might not be disgraced by standing in the same book with a lot of negroes.' Greiling complains that since the baptism his neighbors call him 'The Caffre,' and will not shake hands with him. And yet these people call themselves Christians, and pride themselves on their doctrinal soundness. Evidently Matt. 25: 31-46 is not found in their Bibles. What multitudes of Christians there are of us who have occasion to dread the Saviour's simple rule of final judgment! We can stand almost any test better than that."—*From Berliner Missions-Berichte.*

—This society has suffered a great loss in the death of its venerable and able director, Dr. WANGEMANN.

—A Miss Rosa Dietrich, of Erfurt (famous in Luther's life), dying in June, 1894, has left the Berlin Society a legacy of 300 marks, the interest of which is to continue the payment of her yearly contribution.

—A young missionary of the Berlin Society had, after the country fashion, slaughtered an ox and invited a great throng of Caffres to his wedding-feast. "After it the Christians march home singing, heartily thanking us for the delightful feast, which we have made ready for them. I also rejoice. My feast-ox also delivers his sermon; he discourses of the untroubled joy of the Christians. Heathen feasts mostly end