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LUTHERANUS.

Ecclesiastical.

GERMANY.

Meeting of the Gustavus-Adolphus Association.

The recent discussions on the state of religion in Germany give a special interest to the following report, taken from the North German Correspondent:

"The twenty-fourth meeting of the German Protestant Society, called the Gustavus-Adolphus Association, took place in Bayreuth on the 18th of August, and the following days. Dr. Kuhnis preached an appropriate sermon in the principal church, and at the public meeting after services, Dr. Hoffmann, of Leipzig, read the annual report. The receipts for last year amounted to 194,185 thalers, [the thaler is about 70 cents silver], and with this sum 904 congregations were aided, and 44 churches consecrated; the opening of 19 others will shortly take place. Besides, 35 schools were established, 16 parsonages finished, and the foundation of 23 churches, 16 schools, and 8 parsonages laid. The association has also received applications from communities praying for the erection of 163 churches, 173 schools, and 83 parsonages; 276 request assistance in consequence of being burdened with debt. Since the foundation of the society, the central committee have distributed in aid to 1,907 congregations the sum of 2,825,879 thalers, and this is independent of the countless small contributions given directly by the branch committees.

"Pastor Grandpierre, a clergyman of the Reformed Church in Paris, states that in the last thirty years, church accommodation and schools had increased in that city tenfold. Dr. Vallette, also of Paris, spoke of the immense progress of Protestantism in Paris and Lyons, and of the perfect good-feeling existing between the Protestants and their Roman Catholic brethren.

"Pastor Kolatschek, of Wiener-Neustadt, gave rather a disheartening view of the condition of Protestantism in Austria. The entire number of Protestants, he said, is about 340,000, or 2 per cent. of the population. In 321 parishes there are 372 schools, 213 clergymen, and 481 teachers. The congregations have to meet nearly all the expenses, as they obtain from the State only a pittance of 50,000 forins, and they have enjoyed even this wholly inadequate allowance only since 1861. There are but two rich Protestant communities, those of Vienna and Trieste; a few are tolerably well off, but the rest are miserably poor, though willing to make all the sacrifices they can for their faith. In many places the church is only a wretched barn. By great efforts, and the aid of the sum accorded by the State, it has been found just possible to pay the clergymen of the smaller congregations 300 forins a year. The Protestant church in Austria is still dressed in pauper's rags. Divine service is performed, and school-instruction given in four languages—German, Bohemian, Polish, and Italian—though in some of the congregations, too poor to contribute to the support of a pastor, a regular service can only be held occasionally. The offices of both preacher and teacher often remain vacant for years till some one is found with sufficient moral courage to accept them. The teachers are usually old non-commissioned officers or disabled miners.

"Pastor Carrasco, of Madrid, gave a brief historical sketch of Protestantism in Spain. He had had himself, like the majority of the present Protestant clergymen in this country, to pine for several years in prison. The revolution has diffused a cheering light, and to those who ask whether a reaction may not soon set in, he hesitatingly answers, No. He concluded by asking the aid of the society in the erection of a suitable house of God in Madrid.

"Candidate Fliedner, of Kaiserswerth, related his personal experience in Austria, Italy, and Spain. Among other things, he mentioned that, in 1855, the present preacher Ruez, in Barcelona, was condemned by the Episcopal Tribunal to be burned alive, and the punishment was afterwards commuted into perpetual banishment. He believed the Spanish translation of the Bible to be the best we have, with the exception of the German. He found large Protestant congregations in Madrid, Barcelona, Seville, Cadiz, Gibraltar, Granada, and Malaga.

"The principal donation of the Gustavus-Adolphus Association amounting to 5,338 thalers, was adjudged to the Protestant community of Madrid. Those of Bielitz and Schonitz (Austria), received a gift of 175 and 250 forins respectively. The meeting of the society will be held next year in Stettin."

Two students of the General Episcopal Theological Seminary in N. Y., have, within the present year, gone over to the Roman Church.

It is proposed to celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the death of Whitfield, which occurred at Newburyport, Massachusetts, on the 30th of September, 1770.

Allegheny Theological Seminary.—The current term of this Seminary opened on Tuesday, the 14th inst., with an unusual number of new students. Twenty-four are already on the ground, and others are to come, making the accessions over thirty.

Rev. W. H. Milburn has returned from Europe. The surgical operation for the benefit of his eyes has not resulted favorably; but it is said he will return in a few months for a second operation by the same distinguished oculist.

The Vote on Re-union.—Twenty-one Old School and twenty-eight New School Presbyteries have voted on the Basis of Re-union sent down by the General Assemblies last June. All the latter approve the basis unanimously, and all the Old School Presbyteries with nearly the same unanimity.

The London Daily Telegraph estimates the declaration of Father Hyacinth as merely one of the many manifestations revealing the communion in the Roman Catholic Church which promises to make the (Genevical Council the occasion of anything but spiritual peace.

St. Matthew's German Lutheran Church, of New York city, has taken the necessary steps to found a German College of the rank of a European Gymnasium, in which German youth can receive the highest literary culture in their own tongue.

United Presbyterian.—The ninth annual Synod of New York of the United Presbyterian Church assembled in this city last Thursday evening in the Seventh avenue, near Twelfth street. Rev. J. L. Clark, of Broad-albin, was chosen Moderator, and Rev. J. B. Dale, of Philadelphia, permanent clerk. About one hundred and twenty-five delegates were in attendance.

A Veteran Missionary to India.—Rev. F. C. Meyer, who was the founder of the American Lutheran Mission to India, has just sailed for India, taking the overland route through Europe, at the age of eighty years. After spending sixteen years in that country he returned home, and afterwards lived in retirement in Pennsylvania. But the exigencies of the mission work of his church have rendered it important that his wisdom and experience should be made available, and he has cheerfully undertaken the task, notwithstanding his advanced age.

The Presbytery of Louisville met at Elizabethtown, Ky., last month. The Western Presbyterian says: "The churches were about as fully represented as usual, which means that quite a number of them were not represented. Of the ministers all were present except three. . . . On the subject of re-union, on the present basis, the Presbytery voted in favor of it by a majority of eight to six. We presume the character of the vote would not have varied materially from this had there been a full vote of the body."

Current News.

Twenty-two million bushels is the yield of wheat in Minnesota this year.

Thomas John Penn, the last descendant of the William Penn family, died recently in London.

The King of Denmark owns a beet sugar factory which uses machinery of his own invention, and yields him an income of fifty thousand rix dollars annually.

Nineteen States have ratified the Fifteenth Amendment. The approval of twenty-eight is necessary to complete the ratification.

Advices from Mexico contain the gratifying intelligence that the people in all parts of the country are more tranquil than they have been in many years.

Mount Ararat is violently erupting. It is a terrible sight.

Fourteen Methodist papers advocate lay representation, while one, the New York Christian Advocate, opposes.

The seats in the new Jewish synagogue on Eighth and Plum Streets, in Cincinnati, have been sold for \$100,000.

A rumor is current in Europe that Napoleon, on account of the precarious state of his health, will shortly abdicate, in favor of his son, but will retain the Presidency of the Council.

The trade of Charleston, S. C., is now three times greater than that of any other season since the war. The hotels are filled with merchants from Georgia, Florida, and Alabama.

Jose Moreira has just died in the town of France, Brazil, at the respectable age of 135 years. When he was born George I. was just dead, and Frederick the Great had not begun the seven years' war.

Rio Janeiro advices confirm the defeat of Lopez. He lost twenty-seven cannon and his river steamer. The Provisional Government at Asencion have proclaimed Lopez an outlaw.

General Canby has decided to re-organize the Freedman's bureau during the coming winter, on the ground that the severe drought this season will leave the people, especially the negro population, quite destitute.

The steamship San Salvador took away from Savannah 1,740 bales of upland cotton and six bags of sea island, the largest cargo of cotton ever taken from that port by a regular coast line steamer.

A correspondent of the Paducah (Ky.) Herald says, a colored woman in Calloway County, last week, gave birth to six children at one fell swoop—mother and children all doing well.

The sum of \$2,715,000 in specie was shipped from England for New York during the past week. It was taken from the Bank of England. One British trading firm sends out £250,000. Specie has also been withdrawn from the Bank of France for export to New York.

Reports from Santa Fe, note the continued Indian depredations in New Mexico. Women and children had been murdered and much stock had been driven away. Col. Green had returned from his expedition into the White Mountains, having killed and captured twenty-two Indians, and destroyed several camps and a large amount of property.

The London Times calls to mind that the first anniversary of the Spanish revolution in Spain has passed, and none of the evils laid to charge of the Bourbons have diminished, but have rather increased. There is greater distress and confusion, and less concord, efficiency and public security. The policy of the Government in the provinces is reviewed, and its action there contrasted with its action in Madrid. The Times acknowledges all is done for the best, but conflicting views and diverging tendency of some of the members of the Government produce helplessness and improvidence. Among all, there is hardly a ruling man in the whole Government. Such as they are, Spain must accept them. The country yields no better and must make the best of them.

The Hon. R. M. T. Hunter has written a letter on Chinese emigration. The following is an extract: "I incline to think that the competition between the whites and the Chinese, when those two races only are thrown together, would be more fierce than between the negro and the white. To the difference of color in the former case, would be added that of religion, which does not exist in the latter. The negro in this country is Christianized, but Buddhism, the religion of the Chinese, has shown more apathy and indifference to the approaches of Christianity than, probably, any other which prevails to a large extent in the world. I confess, therefore, that I should look with apprehension to any large infusion of the race in the Pacific States, or in others where the predominance of the whites may be considered as secure. You see I treat the question so far, entirely upon moral and political considerations. Doubtless material and industrial development would be greatly promoted anywhere by a large infusion of cheap labor, suited to the climate and the character of its productions. But if we are to choose between moral and material development, I should not hesitate to prefer the former. We are told that Solomon was commended for choosing wisdom rather than riches, and the propriety of such a choice would be as great in the case of States as of individuals. I have long thought that the habit of estimating the happiness of a State by its numbers and wealth, rather than its virtues and wisdom, was based on a great mistake."

Gold bearing quartz has been found in Forsyth County, Ga., about two miles from Cammang, which yields very well.

The difference between Turkey and Egypt is far from being settled. The Sultan declines to receive the Khedive at Constantinople unless he submits to the humiliating terms of the Divan. This as yet he has not consented to do. The Porte complains that the Viceroy is supported by England, and Ali Pasha threatens that if Lord Clarendon persists in his coldness towards the Sultan, the latter will throw himself into the arms of the Czar!

Almost every year is a fire in the Dismal Swamp, Virginia. When one breaks out it increases until it is put out by rain. As there has been so long-continued a drouth this year, the conflagration has extended almost beyond precedent. It has burnt about sixteen miles, almost without interruption, in a line from north-west to south-east. It is still progressing in its work of devastation, and we fear that it is destined to do much more harm before it is arrested by rains. We learn that several fine farms have been burnt out, and where there were formerly the richest fields there are seen now acres upon acres of pits of ashes, some of which are fifteen feet deep.

Marriages.

Married, in Baltimore, on the 9th inst., by Bishop J. J. Glassbrenner, Rev. L. A. FOX, of Big Lick, Va., to Miss HENRIETTA CLAY, youngest daughter of the officiating clergyman.

Business Department.

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Church Notices.

Synod of South Carolina.

The Forty-fifth Annual Convention of the Evangelical Lutheran Synod of South Carolina and adjacent States will commence its sessions at Wallhalla, S. C., on Thursday, October 30th, 1869, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Tennessee Synod.

The Evangelical Lutheran Tennessee Synod will hold its Forty-ninth Annual Convention in Emanuel Church, New Market, Shennandoah County, Virginia, commencing on Friday, the 15th day of October, 1869.

Synod of Virginia.

The Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Virginia will hold its annual meeting in the Lutheran Church, near Madison C. H., Madison County, Virginia, commencing on Thursday evening October 14th, 1869.

Special Notices.

Dedication.

The new Lutheran Church at Lovettsville, Loudon Co., Va., will be dedicated to the worship of Almighty God, on Providence preventing, the 4th Sabbath (24th) of October. Dr. Conrad, of Philadelphia, will preach the dedication sermon, and other brethren have promised their attendance.

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