

...and as a consequence has secured the advantage of good music. It is a rare treat to hear the New Market choir sing. He is also building a commodious new church at Forestville, which will be ready for dedication early this Spring.

And what is better than all this, he has added almost 150 members to his churches, of the most substantial and promising material in this Valley.

We recently had the very best opportunity of seeing, and knowing for ourselves this entire charge, and affirm only what we have seen and know. Rarely have we had the pleasure of witnessing so much of mutual good feeling between pastor and people as here.

Schmucker, Cline, and Oswald, of precious memory here, are in their graves, but the Lord has given to these dear people a successor to their venerated shepherds, one eminently worthy of their confidence and love, and they seem daily to appreciate the gift.

Bro. Snyder's fraternal kindnesses to us individually are before the Lord, and are known to him, and to ourselves, and will be remembered some day in some way. The Lord bless and prosper him.

J. B. DAVIS.

The Payment of Pastors' Salaries.

We are emboldened to say a word on this subject at present, because within a few days we have received several letters which call our attention to it most painfully. These letters are from widely separated parts of the Church. Indication is thus given that the trouble is not local, but perhaps wide spread. One of these brethren, who is among the most active, useful, and godly ministers in the Church, after speaking of the large amount yet due him, says that "he managed to support his family last year on three hundred dollars." Another brother writes that not one-third of his salary is paid. Others write in somewhat similar terms. Now, we happen to know personally the three ministers to whom special allusion is made—though they reside in different States—and we know something of the ability of their congregations. The brethren are first-rate, active, devoted, and acceptable men. Neither of them receives anything from the Sustentation Fund, and so far as we know, never has. Their congregations (we have reason to believe) are abundantly able to support them. And yet their salaries are unpaid, and they and their families are left to struggle on in discomfort and trouble.

Ecclesiastical.

Lutheran Pastors in Ohio.—Synodical Conference, 125; General Synod, 112; General Council, 33.

Lutheran Pastors in Illinois.—Synodical Conference, 129; General Synod, 69; General Council, 29.

Neurology.—Rev. Christian G. T. Krause died on the 9th of October, in the 31st year of his age. He was stationed at Faribault, Minn. He leaves a wife and two children to mourn his loss.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Dr. Dumlind, of Addison, has been elected Professor of Mental and Moral Science at Fort Wayne, Ind.

A "German" Pastor has just arrived to take part in the "battle of the Lord." It is Pastor Leuk, of Saxony. He will accept a call from a congregation belonging to the Missouri Synod.

The Ignorance of the Roman Catholic Priests in the Days of the Reformation.—In the year 1541 Elector Jerachim I. ordered a parochial visitation. A priest in a village near Stedahl was questioned about what he had taught his peasants. "The Creed," he answered, and recited the first article of our holy Christian faith. The visitor asked him to continue. The priest could not recite the second and third articles, for he had never committed them to memory. The visitor then questioned him, to see whether he knew the contents of the above named articles. "Of whom is Christ born?" The priest answered without hesitation, "Of Pontius Pilate." He was taken before the assembled committee at Stendahl, but he still gave the same foolish answer. When the priest noticed the dissatisfaction of the committee, he said he had been in office some eighteen years and instructed and advised the peasants of his village.

The Impudence of a Catholic Priest.—A Roman priest at Ward's Island stated under oath: "I believe that I have Divine authority to take Protestant children and make Catholics out of them; contrarily, I disavow that Protestants have the privilege to do likewise." Who is here not reminded of that wise maxim: "Ab, peasant, that alters the case."

A. S.

Mexico now raises all the cotton needed for her own mills.

Mets and Strasbourg.

A contributor to the London Times, who has been visiting Alsace and Lorraine, writes:

About twenty-five thousand of the most wealthy French inhabitants and well-to-do tradespeople, chiefly, have left Metz, and about the same number, chiefly, perhaps, of the poorer sort of German tradespeople have taken their places. French people are, however, still leaving as they are able to arrange their affairs, and not a few shops are now closed, from their occupants having left, and no new owners have as yet arrived to take their place.

Much about the same sort of change has occurred at Strasbourg, and to a similar extent, but as far as I could ascertain, the new comers from other parts of Germany have outnumbered those who have left. The demand for houses there increases, and many new ones are now being built, besides those which are being rebuilt with increased dimensions, on the sites of those battered down in the sorely bombarded city.

The old fortifications of Strasbourg, constructed by Vanban in 1682, the year after the town was taken by the French, and which served it so little when Germany was retaking it nearly two hundred years afterwards, will speedily be demolished, and the town extended. I had the opportunity of seeing something of the new earthworks and stone fortifications, which are commanding approaches to the town, about two miles off, on elevated sites, and which will make another bombardment of the town impossible by any future enemy. The exterior forts around Metz, placed on most commanding situations, are receiving similar attention by being placed in the best possible condition by the Germans, and the interior forts will most probably be demolished, as the Strasbourg ones certainly will.

One traveling, as I have done, through Alsace-Lorraine, can not but be impressed most deeply with the exceeding richness and value of the two great provinces of nearly two million people, which poor unfortunate France has lost. One of them contains the chief seats of cotton and other manufactures, and the other abounds in richness of coal and iron. It is said, but I can not vouch for the statement, that Alsace and Lorraine brought a net annual revenue to France of £4,000,000 sterling, and all this is lost, besides having to pay the German demand of £200,000,000, as the Germany money cost of this grievously sad war.—Reformed Messenger.

CLIPPINGS.

Several tools used in the manufacture of leather have lately been found in Pompeii. Their strong resemblance to those used for that purpose now, is very striking.

A Jewish journal, called *Gled Tidings*, has been commenced in Calcutta. It is published every Friday, and is printed in the Arabic language with Hebrew character.

A paper published in Rome states that Cardinal Antonelli has sent a circular letter to all bishops asking them to come to Rome, as the Pope wishes to see them before he dies.

During a late fire at Sing Sing, a train bearing a fire engine was run from Peekskill to Sing Sing, a distance of twelve miles, in nine minutes, which is probably the fastest time on record.

Mr. Spurgeon has during the last seven years received 15,000 persons into his church, erected thirty-six chapels in London, and supplied the same with ministers trained in a college of his own founding.

Bishop Pierce, of the M. E. Church, South, recently stated authoritatively that Emory College, Georgia, would soon have an endowment of half a million dollars from a source which he did not feel at liberty to reveal.

In California, says the *Christian Union*, church property is taxed. The measure was adopted originally on account of the vast estates held there by the Catholics at the time of the question of the territory by Mexico to the United States.

A New Mill.—A cotton factory is in course of construction on the Saluda River, 10 miles below the city of Greenville, S. C. It is intended to afford employment to 200 operatives, and consume 2,500 bales of cotton annually.

The Supreme Court of New Mexico has decided that the Pueblo Indians of that territory are citizens of the United States. This decision will add about four thousand voters to the population of the territory, and relieve the government of the expense of supporting agents.

The St. Louis Globe of the 18th says that within a day or two the Texas and Atlantic Refrigerator Car Company will commence slaughtering good, heavy fat beef cattle, and ship to New York, five cars at each shipment, each car holding thirty head slaughtered and ready for consumption.

Rev. Robert Moffat, the celebrated English missionary to South Africa, is still in doubt as to the correctness of the report of Dr. Livingstone's death. He thinks it hardly credible that Livingstone could have reached the place where he is said to have died. The Foreign Office also entertains the same doubts.

Monasteries and convents in Rome are being turned to new purposes this season. Some of the kitchens belonging to the Carmine, consisting of fifty large apartments, have been transformed into soup-kitchens for the needy. Victor Emanuel contributes largely to their support.

Missionary Department.—The Rev. J. M. W. Farham, missionary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions, left Syracuse, N. Y., on the 19th inst, on his way to Shanghai, China, via San Francisco, with his family. Mr. Farham has been in this country for a year and a half, and now returns with renewed health to his work in China.

Hilberts the Waldensian missionary churches throughout Italy have been dependent upon the Synod at La Tour. Now they are to be reorganized on a Presbyterian basis, and will practically form the Presbyterian Church of Italy. There are 28 of these churches in Italy and Sicily, supported at an annual cost of \$40,000, which is mostly supplied from England. The so-called Free Church of Italy is nearly as large as the Waldensian.

The "pilgrimage" to Rome is decided upon. It is to be organized by a committee, and receive the blessing of Archbishop McCloskey. The pilgrims are to land at Brast or Havre, and proceed to the grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, from thence and pay homage to the Pope in his "prison" in the Vatican. The expenses of the pilgrimage are estimated at \$300, a "first-class steamer" to be taken, and a cabin arranged for the party—pilgrims "staff and all" to be procured by each member of the party.

The Secretary of War has transmitted to Congress the report of the Board of Engineers, appointed in 1871, to examine plans and make estimates for a ship canal to connect the Mississippi River and the Gulf of Mexico. The Board reports in favor of the route by British Island pass, to connect with which a canal from the Mississippi below Fort St. Philip would have to be constructed. The canal is pronounced entirely feasible, at an estimated cost of \$7,275,000, and requiring three years for its construction. The length of the proposed canal is six miles, 100 feet wide at the water line, thirty feet wide at the bottom, twenty-four feet deep, with three sluices eighty feet wide, and two locks 400 feet long.

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Lawrenceburg, Anderson Co., Ky., February 10, 1873.

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