

when sitting. It is a great pity to have good things said in such a way that very few can hear them.

A cornet played by one of our members now aids us in the singing, helping to make it more hearty. We have sixty-five active and fifteen associate members, and the attendance at the weekly meetings is very good.

A. S.

German Student Life.

(Continued from last month.)

HEIDELBERG has always been a favorite resort for foreigners, and in my time the university had students from many different climes. There were Russians, Poles, Spaniards, Frenchmen, Americans, Chilians, Brazilians, a Turkish Prince, and a Japanese; besides a sprinkling of the fair sex, mostly Americans or Russians. When the summer term closed and the long vacation of ten weeks put in an appearance, many of the students would go on long pedestrian tramps, thus recruiting their strength for the labors of the long winter term, and where could they find a better starting point for such trips than Heidelberg? With a light knapsack on the back, and a stout stick in the hand, they might strike out in any direction and be sure of seeing some of the most beautiful scenery in Europe, and of visiting spots rich in historical associations.

Towering up more than a thousand feet above the town was the "Koenigstuhl," with a tower erected on its summit from which a magnificent view of the surrounding country could be obtained. Looking away westwards across the fertile plain of the Palatine, you could see, some forty miles distant, the Hardt mountains; and winding his way past, the old Imperial city of Sheyer, Father Rhine rolled on towards the sea. A little further to the north Mannheim came into view. Eastward, the eye glanced over a sea of mountain tops, belonging to the "Odenwald." To the north, across the Neckar, the Bergstrasse with its numerous villages and ruined castles met the eye, and far away to the east stretched the Oldenwald with the Vosges mountains in the hazy distance. But I have no space in this article to describe the many beauties of the vicinity of Heidelberg, even if I had the ability to deal with them as they deserve.

I made many excursions myself in all directions; but none pleased me better than a tramp up the Neckar valley to Heilbronn, and from thence through the Black Forest to

Switzerland and Austria. There is an old German proverb, "all is not gold that glitters," and this is certainly applicable to German student life. From a religious standpoint, there was much to be improved upon. In fact, I do not think I am stating matters much too strongly, if I say that religion did not enter into the lives of the vast majority of students and professors. Sometime after leaving Heidelberg, I received a letter from an American student, who had been a particular friend of mine at college, and he expressed himself very much as follows: "I came to Heidelberg an innocent boy, and now I am half-devil and half-atheist." This was a terrible charge for him to lay against himself, and yet I am afraid that there was a good deal of truth about it. Pleasure seemed to be the chief aim of most of the students when not engaged in study, and the churches were not the most likely places to find them in. Sunday would be given up to pleasure in various forms, the day often being wound up by a visit to the opera at Mannheim. It is to be hoped that things will alter in a religious sense, and Heidelberg again be what she once was,—a centre of religious thought and action.

THE END.

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