

**GERMANY'S THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS.**

There exist at present in Germany nine Catholic Faculties of Theology. The Universities of Breslau, Bonn, Tubingen, Strassburg, possess both a Catholic and a Protestant Faculty of Theology. Munich, Freiburg in Baden, Munster, Wurzburg and the Hosianum, in Braunsberg, a Catholic Faculty only. The number of students is 1,674, of professors and lecturers, 92. Moreover, the Theological students of the six Lyceums in Bavaria count 526, making in all 2,200. To these must be added the students in the diocesan seminaries of Metz, Fulda, Mainz, Trier, Paderborn, Pelplin and Posen, carrying the number of Catholic students of Theology to more than 3,200. The sixteen Protestant Faculties, existing in as many universities, count, altogether, 1,982 students, 189 professors and lecturers. It will thus be seen that though the Catholic population is not much more than a third of the population of the empire, the Catholic students of Theology far outnumber the Protestant. Protestant youths nowadays show little inclination to study for the ministry.—Theological Faculties in Germany, in the April Messenger.

**WHAT RADIUM HAS FAILED TO DO.**

Radium has not accomplished all it promised to medicine. A committee, appointed by the Vienna Academy of Sciences to investigate the results of the treatment of cancer with Radium, reported that in nine cases in which the treatment was used, abatement in the cancerous swelling resulted, and in two of these the swelling had not re-appeared after five months' time. But the use of Radium is not recommended when an operation is practicable. Dr. Snow, of the Brompton Cancer Hospital, England, states that at Brompton "they have studied cancer as it has been studied nowhere else in the world. They have sought to investigate it from every conceivable point of view. They have labored, by every means in their power, to substitute for the mass of chaotic confusion and the traditional fallacy which had hitherto prevailed, a genuine cancer cure, as a sure foundation for all future research; but in this attempt they have utterly and miserably failed." He concludes with the statement that the Radium treatment has proved exceedingly disappointing, and, in fact, it may now be dismissed from the sphere of potential cancer cures.—Science Note, in the April Messenger.

**DEPICTING THE TRUE LUTHER.**

Two Protestant Professors of Theology, Harnack and Seeberg, belonging to opposite wings of Protestantism, the rationalist and the orthodox, have published violent criticisms of Father Denifle's first volume on Luther. Harnack goes to the length of calling upon his Catholic colleagues to disavow Denifle's book. The doctory Dominican has promptly replied, in a brochure just published by Kirchheim, Mainz. The first edition of Father Denifle's huge volume is already out of print and a second improved edition is in the press. The second and concluding volume of the great work is announced to appear in 1905. The distinguished historian and convert Onno Klopp, had been engaged for half a century in collecting materials for a history of the so-called Reformation but he was overtaken by death before he could carry out his design. The enormous mass of manuscripts has now been placed in the hands of Father Denifle, who will make use of them in the prosecution of his great work on Luther.—Father Denifle and his Critics, in the April Messenger.

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