

I recollect that, but six years ago, I traversed this same country, and was unable to find a single person with whom I could unite in religious exercises; and that the first-fruits of the harvest, which is now being reaped, consisted of two or three persons who became attentive to the reading of God's word. The purchase of New Testaments from Bible colporteurs was the first sign of interest exhibited by these persons, who, after having obtained possession of the sacred volume, were desirous of hearing it explained. Thus the path was prepared for the messengers of the word.

One fact, which proves the sincere attachment to the truth of the people who attend evangelical preaching, is the eagerness which they have shown to send their children to the school opened with the design of leading them to a knowledge of the Saviour. Though the dwellings are scattered over a wide extent of territory, and the children have a long way to walk to school, over very bad roads, there is a daily attendance of from 120 to 130.—*Ib.*

Germany.

Mr. Wichern made some fearful disclosures respecting the atheism of German artizans, at the Wittenburg Conference.

"Those who are unacquainted with the German artizan population can scarcely form a conception of the height of their sophistic attainments. The dogmas of the most overstrained radical philosophy, and the subtleties of Hegel's theology, are 'familiar in their mouths as household words.' Neither does practice with them lag behind theory. They have been accustomed to look the probable danger connected with the revolution they contemplate steadily in the face; and, as they fear God as little as they regard man, and, generally speaking, do not believe in a future state at all, while all scout the bare idea of retribution, personal exposure is rather coveted than feared by the ambitious of the party.

Switzerland has been the German journeyman's most effective preparatory school. There the most ultra-atheism was unblushingly preached as the surest and easiest introduction of communism, and sorry I am to be obliged to name as foremost in this atheistic propaganda, my own townsman, Wm. Marr, the same who has recently received the largest number of votes, as the future representative of Hamburg's population! And in making this choice his townsmen evince their own creed, for Marr makes no secret of either his sentiments or designs. After serving his apprenticeship to atheism in Switzerland,

where, by his own account, he was instrumental in leading many hundreds of his compatriots to apostatize from God, he was in 1845, in common with other prominent members of communistic clubs, forced to leave that country, and 'along with hundreds of enlightened Germans, avowed enemies to God returned to his native land.'

Here, then, you see the true origin, agents and objects of those revolutionary attempts which have recently been made in almost every district of Germany! The Swiss demagogue, Druey, rid himself of William Marr (who was too unscrupulous even for Druey) by telling him the leadership of German propaganda was his proper calling. Acting on this suggestion, Marr associated himself successively with Huiker, Struve, and Robert Blum, and at length, in pursuance of his mission, reached Hamburg, (which is still his head-quarters,) introducing, with a most diabolical diligence, atheistic and communistic ideas into all the artizan clubs which lay in his route. The constant aim of all these men is the promotion and spread of infidelity, from a conviction that Christian faith and lawful subordination always go hand in hand. As a bait to the simple, therefore, rank republicanism, with all its senseless tirade about perfect equality, fraternity, and community of goods, &c., is pompously extolled, and an Eldorado of idleness and sensual enjoyment held up to the view of the hungry, because politics-struck mechanic."

"I maintain," says the brazen-faced republican, "that the belief in a personal Deity is the chief ground and originating bane of our present worm-eaten social system, and that, so long as mankind clings, with the slenderest fibre, to the idea of a heaven, there is no hope of true happiness on earth." "Christianity," he says again, "and the existing order of things which is built upon it, are the real cancerous sores of human society." "Man, by himself, Man is the religion of the coming age; GOD STANDS IN NEED OF MAN (as his worshipper) BUT MAN HAS NO NEED OF GOD."

"The political creed of the propaganda is unequivocally announced in the favourite toast which figures at all convivial meetings of the democratic party, viz., 'Democracy with all its consequences. The infidel character of their views is avowed in the initiatory admission ceremonial of all democratic clubs; viz., a distinctly pronounced negative to the question, 'Dost thou believe in a God?' Whosoever hesitates to take this test is inadmissible to the higher honours of the illumi-

* This statement is daringly made in Marr's book, "Das junge Deutschland." (Young Germany.)