

“The two excellently organized educational establishments, for boys and girls respectively, are installed in suitable buildings. The cleanness of the village, the friendliness of the people, and the sedateness of their demeanour make the best impression upon every visitor. And when he learns that law-suits never take place in Königsfeld, that factions and parties in the management of the affairs of the community are unknown, and that none of the inhabitants of Königsfeld ever make their appearance in a criminal court, he may well pay a tribute of admiration and esteem to the Moravian Brethren.

“The meeting-house is plain to a degree ; Puritan simplicity can scarcely



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be carried further. The service itself is equally plain and devoid of ceremonial of every kind. But the fervour displayed at the hymn-singing is calculated to excite the envy of the worldling.

“The little church of Peterzell (shown in our dainty vignette), with its Gothic choir, stands out very prettily from the surrounding houses. Historians say that it was built as early as the time of Charlemagne, by the convent of Reichenau.

“The ‘Black Forest!’ How easy for one who has never wandered through these delightful valleys, to derive an utterly false impression from these words! The valleys so cheerful, thickly studded with trim villages, quiet hamlets, and snug farm-houses ; roads, maintained in first-rate con-