

—Says Professor G. H. Schodde: "As at present constituted, there are no fewer than 46 different State churches in the 26 States composing the German Empire. Though States have been consolidated in recent years, churches have not been. Of these 24 are Lutheran, 10 are Reformed, 7 are a union of these two, and 4 are moderate. There is no bond of union save in the Eisenach Conference, which meets once in two years, and has no legal or executive powers. The State Church of Prussia holds about two thirds of all the German Protestants."

—Rev. David Baron writes of a recent tour for Bible distribution: "From Budapest I went, accompanied by Rabbi Lichtenstein, by Danube steamer, all the way to Orsova. The five days on board, going and returning, was one of the most interesting experiences in my life. A large proportion of the passengers were Jews, and we stopped at 42 stations in Hungary and Servia. We spoke and reasoned with different groups from morning to night, and after lying down in our berths we would hear them discussing among themselves what we had been saying about Christ. Again and again everybody in the large saloon, Jews and Gentiles of all classes, were around us for hours, eagerly listening or discussing with us the claims of Jesus. We took with us a supply of New Testaments in Hebrew, German, and Hungarian, but our stock in the last two languages was exhausted long before we returned to Budapest."

—When the trans-Siberian railroad is completed it is said that a tour of the world can be made in forty days.

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Islam.—In Jerusalem, the "Holy City," there are said to be 135 places where liquor is sold!

—The new hospital at Jerusalem, founded by the German Evangelical Church, and carried on by deaconesses

from Kaiserswerth, was recently opened. The old hospital, inaugurated by Dr. Theo. Fliedner in 1851, is no longer adequate; the new establishment, constructed according to the fullest requirements of modern hygiene, provides accommodation for 60 inmates. The Pasha of Jerusalem was among the distinguished personages who attended the opening.

—Is fuel really so alarmingly scarce in Syria that the Catholic bishop must needs order the Arabic version of Mr. Spurgeon's sermons to be employed as food for flame? If so, he should be informed that we have excellent coal enough and to spare.

—The Sultan of Turkey is setting an example which ought to shame many of us, since he is sending out Mohammedan missionaries to Africa at his own expense, for the avowed purpose of checking the Christian advance in that continent. Evidently he does not think the missions to Africa have been failures.

—Some of the friends of the late Theodore Child have raised over \$700 to be used for a memorial. It has been sent to the American Presbyterian mission in Tabriz, Persia, where Mr. Child was cared for during his illness with the cholera. Probably it will be used to establish a hospital-room or bed, to be known by his name.

—Rev. H. Carless, accompanied by a medical student, left Julfa at the beginning of May on an itinerating tour. They visited Kashan, Sultanabad, Burujird, and Nejifadad. At the last-named place 52 Mohammedans and Babis attended the Sunday-morning service. Altogether the tour lasted forty-two days.

India.—Indians are spoken of as though because all are alike Indians, therefore all are Indians and alike. But the Spaniard in character, history, language, religion, does not differ from the Englishman, or the Scotchman from the native of Naples more than the Marathi from the Bengali, the Oeriza from the