

a General Synod was called at Vienna to arrange a Church constitution. But the constitution granted was a mere sham of Presbyterianism with Lutheran appendages, devised with a view to unite the Lutheran and Reformed Churches, assimilating the latter to the former. Once in six years a General Synod meets, composed of the superintendents, seniors, and as many elders; but its resolutions have to be submitted to the Kirchenrath, and after lying long unheeded may not obtain sanction. Still, Protestantism is growing. Since 1861, ten new congregations and fifty schools have been added, though the latter are in great danger through the new school law. The recent prohibition of the colportage of the Bible, the confiscation of other books, the prohibition of the 80th question of the Heidelberg Catechism, are telling severely. In 1871 the Reformed Synod asked a purely Presbyterian constitution, but the German Lutherans raised a great outcry, and Government refused the request.

Nevertheless the shadows of 500 years hover round the Bohemian Reformed Church, and hope bids them look upward and trust that their "redemption draweth nigh."—PASTOR DUSCH OF BOHEMIA.

## STATISTICS OF BOHEMIAN CHURCH.

Number of Seniorates, (presbyteries) .....	4
" Congregations .....	46
" Adherents .....	65,000

## REFORMED CHURCH OF MORAVIA.

Moravia is a province belonging to the Empire of Austria, with the area of 504 German square miles, and nearly 3,000,000 inhabitants. Only in the eastern and in the western parts Protestants are to be found, the centre is Popish thoroughly.

The whole Reformed Church of Moravia is at present scattered over an area of 598 English square miles, in 22 parishes, i.e. in 488 different hamlets and villages, and numbers in all 38,439 souls (i.e. communicants and their children), with 21 pastors, living in the immediate neighbourhood of 529,176 Roman Catholics, or, going further, living in a country inhabited by more than 2,000,000 of Roman Catholics.

## STATISTICS OF MORAVIAN CHURCH.

Number of Seniorates, (presbyteries) .....	2
" Congregations .....	21
" Pastors .....	21
" Adherents .....	38,439

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