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Do you not see when in the rapid race  
The chariots have seized upon the plain,  
And, pouring forth, rush on with swifter pace:  
When youthful hopes, aroused, rise high again,  
And fluttering fear absorbs the wild heart's pain?  
They ply the twisted lash, and forward leant  
Fling free the rein and give the steeds their bent;  
How flies the axle glowing with the speed!  
As borne aloft thro' open air they seem,  
Or mounting on the winds—a living stream.  
No stop, no rest, is given the panting steed;  
But clouds of golden dust arise where'er they lead.  
So close the race, the fleetest there pursued  
With eager breath and foam-flecks is bedewed:  
Such mighty zeal does love of praise inspire—  
For victory so stirring a desire.

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## REMINISCENCES OF EUROPEAN STUDY AND TRÁVEL.—No. 13.

BY PROF. D. M. WELTON.

My first look at Leipzig in broad daylight was from a window of the *Stadt Dresden Hotel*. I had now reached my journey's end, and felt happy in contemplating the new life and new experiences to which I had so long looked forward and which now lay immediately before me. I stopped a week in this hotel. Situated on *Grimmaische Strasse*, the most central, busy and important street in Leipzig, and in the vicinity of the principal public buildings, including the University, it served as a convenient point from which to sally forth to make the acquaintance of the city. I never passed this hotel without being reminded of this, to me, rather eventful week's tarrying within it. But as I now think of it, it calls up still more interesting associations. It was in this same hotel that Prof. Delitzsch,

the great Hebraist, met a *Gesellschaft* (society) of Semitic students—about 25 in number—once a week during the greater part of my stay in Leipzig. I had the pleasure and the honor of belonging to that *Gesellschaft*. We met on Tuesday evenings from 8 to 10 o'clock. The time was occupied in the study of the Old Testament Scriptures, and in the discussion of questions bearing upon their interpretation.

In the lecture room of the German University there is no conversation whatever between the Professor and Students. He simply lectures while they take notes of what he is saying. But in these *Gesellschafts* questions are asked and answered in the most familiar way. In the one under notice we sat around a large table in such way as most readily to catch the eye and hear the words of our teacher, who occupied a central position at its side. The discussions were conducted in German though all the members of the *Gesellschaft* were English speaking. Any student present might put a question in English, and if it was not clearly understood by Prof. Delitzsch, the person sitting at his right or left interpreted it for him; while on the other hand, if his replies were not understood by any persons present, they were interpreted for them.

The last meeting of the society I attended was in July of '78, just before my return home. I remember that Dr. Schaff, translator of Lange's Commentary, was present that evening. He was on his way home from the Holy Land, and had stopped at Leipzig to visit some of his old friends, prominent among whom is Prof. Delitzsch. I remember, too, that the subject for discussion on that evening was Hebrew poetry, and I never saw