

is to be increased to thirteen, viz.—three of the Established Church, four of the Free Church, four of the United Presbyterian Church, one of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, and one of the Independent Church. The ex-cutors under the will are eleven in number, chiefly resident in Glasgow and Irvine.

GERMAN PREACHING.

The German correspondent of the *North Western Christian Advocate* gives the following account of the preaching of the German clergy:

"The text is usually a passage of Scripture of considerable length, and not a mere sentence, or verse, as with us. The sermon consists, very often, of an elaborate exposition of this—always practical—or of a hortatory address, based upon it. The sermons, of course, vary much, with different preachers, but usually they are not as elaborate as ours; in fact, they are homilies rather than sermons. They are directed more to the feelings, and less to the intellect, and ordinarily seem to suppose the hearers quite unacquainted with Scripture, and totally unused to thinking about it. They are never read, though they are generally committed to memory and declaimed. The preachers use a good deal of action, and are very devout and earnest in their manner.

"By far the best preachers I have heard are Professor Rotho of Heidelberg, and Professor Tholuck of Halle, so well and so familiarly known among us. I give the preference to Professor Rotho, though, of course, I have not heard Professor Tholuck in his best days. Both are earnest and energetic. Professor Rotho shows more prominently energy of thought; Professor Tholuck manifests more earnestness of feeling: Professor Tholuck has more poetry in his nature, and will delight you with his beautiful figures and illustrations; but a sentence of Professor Rotho will often startle you by its admirable presentation of a peculiar view, or the depth of meaning which it reveals to you in a familiar passage of Scripture. I have heard, however, but few remarkably good preachers in Germany. The standard of pulpit excellence is not so high as with us. A friend once remarked to me, "these Germans publish sermons which we should scarcely venture to preach." And it is so.

"The reason for this is two-fold. In the first place, their people, generally, do not think near so much upon religion as they do with us, and would not listen with patience to a sermon which taxed their powers of thought. Then, again, with us the pulpit is the great centre of religious instruction. The preacher brings all his study to bear upon his sermon. Exegesis, linguistics, church history—all play their part in the Sunday's discourse. But here many of these things are confined to the Professor's chair. You never hear a question as to the authenticity of a text, or anything of a like nature ever mentioned in the pulpit. It is not thought wise to suggest doubts or difficulties, before they have occurred to the people, and those interested in such questions, much prefer to hear them in the lecture room, where they can be treated in a strictly scientific manner. Professor Tholuck even once said to me, "I don't want to hear arguments in church—I could make better myself! I want to have my feelings touched—I can read criticisms at home." Thus both classes, the learned and the common people, contribute their influence to keep the pulpit in its present condition."—*Exchange Paper.*

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