

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT.—Mr. Emanuel Yeake of Franklin county Pa., lately sent us the names of five new subscribers and added the following words of encouragement: I have been getting the AMERICAN LUTHERAN for the last three or four months. I am very much delighted with the paper and must say it is a great help to me, and I think would be to all Christians. I have been urging many others to subscribe for it, and hope to be able to get many more. May God bless your labors abundantly, and may many souls be cheered on their heavenly way by the reading of your paper; yea, may many sinners be brought to the feet of our dear Savior, by my earnest and sincere prayer.

The European War.

The European news are very uncertain and confused at the time of our going to press. The previous dispatches stated that the terms of peace had been agreed upon on the following terms:

First—The cession of Alsace and Metz, but Belfort to be restored to France. Second—The payment of a war indemnity of five milliards of francs. Third—A portion of French territory with some fortified towns, like Sedan, to remain in the possession of the Germans until the conditions of the treaty are fulfilled. Fourth—The German army to enter Paris on Wednesday and occupy the Champs Elysees. Fifth—Peace to be proclaimed when the French Assembly ratifies these conditions. M. Thiers and the delegation return to Bordeaux to-day.

The very latest telegraphic dispatch, however, announces, that terms of peace have not yet been agreed upon between France and Germany. Twelve additional days have been allowed for consideration of the questions. On Wednesday, the 1st inst., the German army was to enter and march through Paris. The French are very sensitive on this subject, and if Gen. Trochu's advice should be adopted the consequences might be fearful. We do not, however, venture to predict results. The telegrams after that day will inform us of the occurrences.

The Turks.

Among the thousands of French prisoners of war now in the hands of the Germans there are also many hundreds of the sons of the African deserts whom Napoleon had not disdained to lead into battle against the Fatherland. The terror which they formerly inspired has now happily disappeared, and wounded and captive they are now objects of curiosity and disgust. But few supposed whilst they looked with abhorrence on these wild hordes of Africa which the despotic usurper had led against the descendants of ancient Christians; members of a church which for centuries was in a flourishing condition; although it has now for nearly one thousand years been extinct. And yet, so it is; they are the descendants of the Christians of Northern Africa, who once counted among their number a Cyprian, a Tertullian, and an Augustine. Our feelings towards them must certainly under go a change in view of these facts, and our interest will be excited to know more of their past history and present condition. Much has been written in the papers about these Turkish slaves the beginning of the Franco-German war. We will therefore confine ourselves to what Baron Maltezan, the best informed writer on Northern Africa, says about them. The most terrible people of North Africa, he thinks, are the Kabyles, and the Turks consist in great part of Kabyles. It is certain that the Kabyles had bishops in the eleventh century. One of these was consecrated in Rome by Pope Gregory VII, his Latin name was Servandus. Some years earlier Pope Leo IX, complains in one of his letters, that this part of Christian Africa, which formerly contained many hundreds of bishops, now contained only five. Since that time they have received only confused accounts of the existence of the Christian church in this country. We know only that the native Christians were surrounded by fanatical Mussulmen, who openly persecuted them, that gradually they lost all their bishops, and at last by means of threats and allurements were led into Mahomedanism.

Since the fourteenth century we find no more mention of Christianity, yet notwithstanding this, Christianity left its deep and indelible traces among this people. Now there are hundreds of these people sojourning in the midst of Christian Germany and the question naturally arises: Does this not look like a providential invitation to Protestant Germany and the Christian church in general to unite in restoring the Gospel to North Africa? Up to this time little has been done in this direction. Only of one missionary, James Lewis, who has lived 20 years in Africa, have we read, that in the last two months he has been traveling in South Germany for the purpose of preaching to the Turks in their native language. May the work of God run and be glorified among them.

Conversation in the Sanctum Between Peter, James, and John.

John—Don't you think that good old missionary hymn, "From Greenland's icy mountains," is one of the best in the hymnbook?

Peter—Yes. But why do you ask such a question?

John—Because I fear we cannot consistently sing it any more.

Peter—Why not?

John—Here is a paragraph that will explain the mystery. (Reads.)

GREENLAND REVEREND.—It would seem that the gospel has triumphed amid "Greenland's icy mountains." A Moravian missionary who spent forty years in the work in Greenland has recently returned to England, and said: "In all Greenland there is but one station in the neighborhood of which there are heathen; with this exception all the Greenlanders now profess Christianity."

James—Well, John is right; if it is as the old Moravian missionary represents it, we cannot consistently sing that hymn any more; yet much as I love that glorious old missionary hymn that has been sung by millions of Christians, yet I think it is cause for holy joy, rather than regret,

that the christianization of Greenland makes it inconsistent for us to sing that hymn.

Peter—The Moravians deserve great credit for what they have done toward christianizing the heathen, not only in Greenland, but also in other parts of the world. They have done more in the holy cause of missions, than any other christian denomination, when we take their comparative numerical strength into consideration.

John—Here is a letter from a minister in the West who gives us some hints that may be valuable to us in the publication of our paper. I will read it. (Reads.)

"In my association with the people I have been noting what they like to read, and the matter at issue is Church news, revival news, the obituaries of good people, live communications on Bible topics, earnest and faithful work done for the Lord, home advice good for all the family. What they do not like: Controversy among the brethren, Theological and Liturgical matters, and things that have no use for me. May the AMERICAN LUTHERAN be the paper they will like, is all I desire."

Peter—We are certainly under great obligations to that Western brother for these hints, and we must try as much as possible to profit by them.

John—I am glad to learn that the people love to read revival intelligence, and we have been able to give them a good deal of this in our columns of late. There have been very extensive revivals of religion in many of our Lutheran churches and in some of them the work is still going on. The accessions to the church have been unusually large.

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ALTOONA, PA.—A correspondent at Altoona writes us concerning the great revival in the English Lutheran church there as follows:

"The meeting is still progressing with increasing interest. More than seventy persons have been seeking Christ. We have the largest Protestant church edifice in this city or county. There were at least one thousand persons in the church on Sabbath evening, and several hundred went away, unable to gain an entrance. The membership numbers five hundred and twenty-five, and a large increase is expected. It is believed that if the church was twice as large, it would be filled."—*Harrisburg Telegraph.*

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And now, dear Editor, these poor souls that joined the church were not catechized in the way some think is the *art*, but sir, they had the scriptures explained to them each day of the above time. The important duties of christian life was set before them. They had Jesus the Saviour set before them in precept and labor, doing good to all. They were exhorted and entreated to obey the Lord and live blamelessly before him, both those in the church and those without. They were taught that all disobedience to God is sin, exhorting to repent of their own disobedience, to hate sin, and forsake it, and be dead to all sinful law and action, and to be made alive by Jesus Christ to holiness of heart and life, that has the promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.

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Others prefer the opposite, all right, they may have it all. I never will quarrel with them about it. All I ask is that they will not be unkind to those who have hope in Jesus Christ, through the gospel, whom God has owned as His, given them the spirit of adoption, whereby they are enabled to cry, Abba, Father.

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