THE ART OF COMPOSITION. How it is Taught in the German Schools. Correspondence Boston Journal,

In still another branch have the Germans succeeded. American teachwith hereafter.

Johns Hopkins University had during its last session 170 enrolled students, the larger number of whom—forty—studied chemistry. Twenty-five student took biology, that being early enough. We wait until we that their minds are a triffe wature and then come upon them. ers know to their sorrow the difficulmature and then come upon them with a wild rush of rhetoric, history and all the frightful curriculum.

German girls begin to write essays years of age. For the first year it takes the form merely of a dictation "Then, for goodness sake, don't line "Then, for g with an occasional original essay. Twelve German poems are learned as material for compositions in prose. Entering the class above this, I found girls were ten years old on an average. Standing out before the class, he began to tell them the fable of the woman whose hen laid for her daily a golden egg—a story told so simply, every word of it weighed so carefully, every idea expressed with the acme of precision—and all in a voice so low and distinct that the class sat hushed as he spoke, and moved not a muscle till he finished. He then began it again, pausing this time at the end of every sentence to talk it over with the school, asking what nouns, what the school, asking what nouns, what works what adjectives, they had the school asking what adjectives, they had the school asking what adjectives, they had the school asking what nouns, what the school asking the school asking was going to make some lamp mats, but the pa' calls her gastly have the pa'.

School, was popular with students and professors, and one at least of the latter expects to see him a member of congress.

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"Weli, write all you know about it and bring it to me Monday."

Tne Barge Route. San Francisco Chroniele, July 3.

It consists of openings on each side of the barge, through which the air passess into and through a space besides and bottom of the barge, and sides and bottom of the barge, and she haven't seen her around! I always have been tryin' should be led the barge of the common things around him the child should be led along the broad lines of interest to some deck to the grain room. A stiff current of air is passing through this intermural space and through the When is it going to be baptized?" things around him the child should be led along the broad lines of interest to some more special departments of science. funnel all the time, and keeps the corn or wheat fresh and dry; so that a lated barges could remain all summer understanding that the "pa'son was on the water without injury. As a engaged to a widow up town." matter of fact the barge system has worked admirably without this im-provement, for the instances are very rare in which corn becomes heated on the passage to New Orleans. The weigher at New Orleans, for example, reports that of the 30,000 bushels of wheat recently shipped from St. Paul by way of New Orleans for Liverpool, the entire loss was only 60 30-100 bushels, of which only 11 bushels were damaged in transit by barges. The loss from western points to New York is said to average 1 per cent. The facts of actual experience demonstrate the groundlessness of the cry that wheat shipped by the river route is liable to damage by becoming heated. But the new improvement will, in connection with the others already in operation, give the river route a considerable advantage over the railroads, in respect of its securing the grain from injury in transit; for a perfect system of ventilation is already established at New Orleans in connection with the elevators there, whereby the grain is thoroughly blown in the process of transfer. The best practical testimony to the advantage of the river route for the shipment of grain to the seaboard is the reported determination of the Chicago and trunk railroads to reduce the rates of grain from all points on the Mississippi to the river prices. But river prices are capable, with in-creased facilities and larger capital employed in the business of river transportation, of reduction to a point far below the actual cost of transportation to the railroads. Hence it is quite certain that the contemplated action of the railroad companies, while it may temporarily delay, will not prevent the permanent establishment of the river route, and that soon, as the main outlet of grain exporta-tion for the states of the Mississippi Valley. One great obstacle to the rapid development of the river traffic is that most of the railroad lines touching at river points are along east and west lines terminating at Chicago and intersecting the river old cat. Good-by! at Chicago and intersecting the river on their way thither from the remote termini on the Western plains.

Christianity as Socially Practised

goods, you've got em on draught. Minervy is makin' some lamb'kins for his parlor winders. Come in some time when yer hands are clean and

"Don't b'lieve I'll have time this week. He comes to tea every night,

so's to cover the communion table,

"The shirts are for the pa'son," explained Mrs. Bartleben, with flashing eyes. "The book mark is for the tinue to do it, not once a month or pulpit. But of course folks who only twice a quarter, but every week of goes to church to marry their darter the school year until they are 16 or 18 would only consider the part that we're mak-

'em with paper. If there's anythin' during the year and may also be used that Minervy can't stand its paper-lined quilts and you know she'll hev to sleep under anything you make for a method in progress, certainly very strange to the most American schools. The teacher was a gentleman; the girls were ten years old on an average.

the pa'son. She said yesterday, 'Ma, School the other day was Peter Doyle, exwent of Secretary of State of Wisconsin, who is now 45 years old. Being conscious of some defects in his legal education, he girls were ten years old on an average. getting up some lamp mats in blue

this very minute."
"You don't tell," snorted Mother

to the end. Finally he called upon one little girl to repeat what she ing up her eyes. "That sunset is so "How beautiful his ideas flows!" one little girl to repeat what she could of it. Where she failed others came in to help her. Then another girl took up the story and told it better, until, after many times told, the fable had entered all these little cushion for his cane bottom chair, and

and tell her to make it wide enough for two, or it'll never be used," quoted Madam Bartleben. "Green is a good idea as representing how Minervy will look when the keerds come out for the wedding. Sophanisby is spinnin' a red fish line for him now." The St. Louis papers note an im-

portant improvement which is now "Wall, isn't that lucky? I knowed being made in the barge system of she'd do most anythin' to catch him, grain transportation on the Mississippi and told Minervy so, and she's emwhich will give still greater advantories broiderin' some claims for bait."

But a shower of clothespins broke off the theological discussion, and the cargo of wheat in one of these venti- worthy Christians separated, neither

The Premier of Birds. Five hundred dollars for a bird

would seem to most people to be high

price to pay for any kind of the feathered tribe, but that is the sum

asked for a parrot. He is owned by Mr. George H. Holden, of the Sixth avenue bird store. New York, and wonderful statements are made of the sayings of this remarkable bird. Parrots live to be a hundred years old. seems to be in a fair way to entertain some wealthy family at the second centennial anniversary of America's independence. He is a pure African gray, very handsome, and has been named "Jim Blaine," as he is looked up to as the premier of all birds. Mr. Holden assures us that the bird is the best-trained one in America; that he can whistle a jig, a French march, and sing a song with words. He crows, barks, mews and cackles; mimics a mocking bird, pops a champagne cork and imitates water bubbling. But the most wonderful entertaining accomplishments of this scansorial bird in his talking powers, being able at this time to distinctly enunciate over one hundred and fifty sentences, and he acquires new sayings every day. At this rate he will make a fine conversationist by the time he is 75 years old. He says (we have space for only a few sentences): Hello, Jim! Look out, I will bite you! Come over here out, I will bite you! Come over here and we will have some fun. How is your grandmother? You wouldn't bite your uncle! There's an old black dog.

It is understood that the Rev. Brooke Hereford of Chicago has declined the call to the pastorate of the First Unitarian church of Cambridge, Mass. your uncle! There's an old black dog. Poor old cat'll have to go to bed. Bad little baby. What's the matter old cat? Peek-a-boo! how's that? How do you do, old Yankee Doodle! Whoa! back! what are you about? How do you do? Give us your flipper. Jim-mie's a real nice fellow when he's mind to. Can't you give your uncle a good one? (Smacks for kisses.) I will put a head on you and you will have to go to bed, and don't you forget it

Good-Bye Did you ever hear two married "How d'ye like the new pa'son?" asked Mrs. Bartleben, as she rested her chin on the fence, and eyed the wash that Mrs. Specklewiggin was busy hanging out.

"He is very gifted, specially in the same of each other at the gate on a mild evening? This is how they do it: "Good-bye!" "Good-bye! "Good-bye! these is at Martha's Vineyard and the next oldest is at Chautauqua Point. The newest resort is Round Island, St. Lawrence River.

English Congression." "He is very gifted, specially in the fail.

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wash that Mrs. Specklewiggin was busy hanging out.

"He is very gifted, specially in pra'r," replied Mrs. Specklewiggin, taking a clothespin out of her mouth.

"We are settin's great deal of store by him. Have you heard that he was very attractive to Minervy?"

"I heard that Minervy said so," giggled Mrs. Bartleben, "but the facts is he's droppin' in every night to see how my Sophanisby's soul is gettin' on she's a likely gal and if he is gospelin' around here for a spare rib, he can't do better than Sophanisby."

"I guess that's so," retorted Mother Specklewiggin. "She's thin enough and you can get along without her. If the pa'son is in want o' that kind o' the pa'son is in want o' that kind o' they separate.

will. Good-bye! "Good-bye! "Good-bye! "I won't. Don't you forget to come up." "I sland, St. Lawrence River.

English Congregationalists are trying to raise a "Jubilee Fund" with which to pay off Chapel debts, and at a late meeting for the purpose, after one timid friend had augusted £5,000 as the amount to try to come awfully." "Did she now!" "That was too bad! Be sure and bring her next time." "I will, and you be sure and bring the baby."

"I will. I forgot to tell you that's say! How many has he now?" "Five. It makes him awfully cross." I dare say it does, this hot weather. Well, good-bye! Don't you forget to come up. Good-bye!" And they separate.

Bishop Talbot, of Indiana, said last meeting for the purpose, after one timid friend had augusted £5,000 as the amount to try to augusted £5,000 as the amount at meeting for the purpose,

EDUCATIONAL NOTES.

Nearly every large school in the South-ern States is said to be a military school. The special teacher of music in the schools of Stackton, Cal., is to be dispensed with hereafter.

From the report of the statistical secretary, which was read at the International Sumlay-school convention at Toronto, it appears that there are in the United with hereafter.

Some of the Indian girls at Mr. Moody a Northfield school are said to be very jealous of their dignity. They are the daughs tors of quite wealthy chiefs, and consider themselves very aristocratic. They make the distressed. As a reliable curative for croup and improvement.

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recently in which they went so far as to protest against the action of the State Board of Education in importing teachers from the North "to teach them how to

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At Lasell Seminary, for girls, at Auburndale, Mass., an excellent system of self-government is practised. Any student who at the end of one term is regarded as worthy of such trust is enrolled on the list of "self-governed," and thenceforward does as she pleases so long as she continues to show herself entitled to unlimited confidence. This is the highest honor the school has to bestow—a recognition of real trustworthiness of character. It is stated that his system has proved to be success-

ful.

There has been a small revolution accomplished by the San Francisco school board. All the special teachers of French, German, music, drawing and book-keeping, seventeen in number, have been discharged, a saving of \$20,190 thus being effected. The board appears to be trying to reduce expenses without touching the salaries of the primary and grammar teachers. The Call wants to have the course of the high school altered. It complains that a great many studies are taken up and pursued only a short time, leaving up and pursued only a short time, leaving the pupils with only a superficial knowledge of each and no thorough training in anything.

tages to the river over the rail routes to the scaboard than those now possessed. This improvement is a knows what she's accustemed to bite the scaboard than those now possessed. This improvement is a knows what she's accustemed to bite these conclusions: That natural knowledge should be taught not from books but and she thinks he'll land her! teaching in intermediate schools ended in these conclusions: That natural knowledge should be taught not from books but from things themselves; that the lessons should not consist of information committed to memory but of knowledge acquired by the child's own observation and experience; that by such object-lessons he should be led to observe the natural facts or processes around him and to exercise his powers of comparison as well as of perception, and thus arrive at such generalizations as are within his capacity; that after the first more general knowledge of the common things around him the child should be led has been introduced by Capt. Lowrey, president of the St. Louis & New Orleans Transportation Company.

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along the broad lines of interest to some more special de partments of science.

Chemnitz, the third largest town in Saxony, has many public technical schools. They are either state institutions or belong to some public body and are under the oversight of the Home Minister. The expenses are chiefly borne by the state. the fees of the pupils being only sufficient to pay a tenth of the expenses. Poor students who are worthy of assistance can usually obtain remission of the fees and even help from the state. A peculiarly useful system is pursued with the teachers—every year a number of them are fur--every year a number of them are fur-nished with money for the purpose of visiting during vacating some country, city or exhibition connected with their special branches. They thus keep themselves acquainted with all that is new in science and invention in different counties.

The schools are graded so that the pupil rots live to be a hundred years old. can pursue a regular course to the highest technical institution in the kingdom. The development of manufacturers in the town of Chemnitz during the past thirty years is mentioned as remarkable.

RELIGIOUS.

There are about one hundred thousand Shakers in the United States. Over 500,000 copies of the revised New Testament have been sold in Philadelphia. branch of the Latter-Day Saints in the Quaker city

Pere Hyacinthe, leader of the Old Catho lie movement in France, sails for this coun try in September.

The Irish Presbyterians have banished organs, violins and all instruments of music from their sanctuaries. Dwight L. Moody announces a second convocation, to be held at Northfield, Mass., beginning August 3.

The Berean Baptists are happy because the latest returns show that they made \$10 by their jug festival last week.

The Seventh-Day Adventists are mak-

ing arrangements for a grand state camp-meeting, to occur on the old fair-ground in Battle Creek, in a few weeks. The denomination known as the United Brethren in Christ has five Bishops, 2,242 churches, and 160,000 members. The

churches, and 160,000 members. The total membership of its Sunday school is 190,000. A Norwegian Synod (Lutheran) in Iowa recently had the question before it whether it was proper for one of its ministers to ac-cept a nomination to the Levislature. After discussion, the body said; "No! No

politics in theirs." Friday, August 5, has been designated as "a day of fasting and prayer to be ob-served by all the Methodists of all lands for the blessing of God to rest on the Ecumenical Conference," which meets in London in the fall.

than Christian—e'aborate and expensive music, the one with no suggestions of the danger of unbelieving souls—no warning of the wrath to come."

crity.

Some of the Indian girls at Mr. Moody's churches in twenty-four states and territories was reported at 123,532.

The proposition to establish normal school in Texas for the benefit of the teachers of that state meets with no favor there. The teachers held a convention in the teachers held a convention of the teachers held a convention in the teachers held a convention of the teachers held a convention in the teacher has been a convent

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