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German Rationalism.

The Rev. Joseph Cook lectured in New York Saturday night on the subject of "German Rationalism." The foundation of the new German Empire, he said, marked the close of a great period of its philosophy as well as of its history. For education and advanced research one was never outside of the German universities, for they formed the whole field of culture. Germany was the central point in the commerce of ideas. There were ten principal causes of the former prevalence of rationalism in Germany. The fragmentary presentation of Christianity was the first of these causes. There was earnestness without science, and science without earnestness; together they would have been very good, but separately they were of no avail. The average German nature was not as well balanced as the English, and this gave rise to the most eccentric theories. Another fruitful source of rationalism in Germany was the absence of distinction between the converted and unconverted. In Germany a Christian meant any one who had been confirmed, whether believers or not, and if one were to ask whether a person were a Christian in the American sense of the word he would have to add some epithet such as "they were a good Christian," or a sincere Christian. The establishment of State churches was another source of rationalism, the ministers of the Gospel coming to be looked upon as merely agents of the government. The influence of France and the French writers was another element in the spread of rationalism. French demoralization was spread throughout Germany, and it was thought fashionable to follow French ideas, a custom which has but lately been abandoned. The demoralization caused by successive wars was another cause of the destructive infidelity and rationalism. During the Thirty Years' War, he said, Germany was a howling hunting ground for the rabble of all nations. One half of her population were killed in that war, and the State was split up into petty, unpolitical fragments. For two centuries after that war Germany founded no colonies and her flag was not visible on any ocean. The support given by the State churches to absolutism in politics also aided rationalism. Red republicanism was yet such a terror to Europe that white republicanism got no hearing except with those who had listened to America with great advantage. As late as 1848 both State and Church in Germany united in resisting republicanism. It was found that infidelity grew strong under oppressive and weak laws, just regulations. German university life was next dwelt upon by the speaker as the inspiration of all her thought and as a type of the prevailing opinions. Very little evangelical doctrine was taught, prayer meetings and church methods generally were neglected. Individual opinion which was hindered in expression in the direction of political or religious systems found vent in the most absurd and varying philosophical tenets. Again, the professors were very fond of attracting crowds to their lecture rooms by the novelty or eccentricity of their doctrines. America was governed by majorities, England by the aristocracy and Germany by her universities. There were seven parts to German society—the great, the civil service, the army, the universities, the nobility, the tradesmen and the peasants. Another source of rationalism was the overthrow of systems of philosophy on which parts of Christian doctrine had unwisely been based. At the present day there was a tendency to return to the Aristotelian methods, and nearly as much attention was paid to the history of philosophy as to philosophy itself. The strength of rationalism was also partly due to the aid it received from the State. If the members of a church wanted a rationalistic preacher all they would have to do would be to vote for one, and they could have him without losing any of their emoluments derived from within the Church. In this country rationalism would be too poor to pay its own expenses, but in Germany the government leaves aid fishes kept together. There were three ways of supporting churches in America; one exclusive State Church as in England, or the concurrent establishment of different organizations, as in Germany. The last cause of rationalism enumerated by the speaker was Romanism. It prevented half the German people from seeing what a Church can accomplish, and made the life of the German peasant a prolonged childhood. It sought to destroy the Empire, whose presence was the best guarantee of peace in Europe. The lecturer concluded by tracing the decline of rationalism in Germany and expressing his hopes of a glorious future for that favored country.—N. Y. Herald.

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