

THE PASSION PLAY.

A Unique Performance Which Took Place at Ober-Ammergau in Bavaria. The New York Herald has the following interesting account of the "Passion Play," a relic of medieval times, which was performed this year for the first time in ten years in a Bavarian village before assembled thousands, many of them strangers from all parts of the world: To-day, in a remote village of the Bavarian Highlands, within a rude theater, the most part of which is open to the sky, there is seated all day long, from eight in the morning till five in the afternoon, with an interval of an hour at noon for refreshments, some five or six thousand people, peasants from the neighboring villages, sight-seers from the near-lying Bavarian towns, and tourists from far and near, from England and America. They are gathered together, some for devotion, others out of curiosity, to witness the first representation of a unique and interesting drama, the only surviving medieval relic in Germany of the kind which has come down with unbroken tradition. The scene of the drama is the village of Ober-Ammergau, and the play, to give it its full title, "The Great Expiatory Sacrifice of Golgotha, or the Narrative of the Passion and Death of Jesus, According to the Four Evangelists, with Tableau Vivants Taken From the Old Testament." The actors are humble villagers, under the guidance and direction of their village pastor. None other has ever acted in the play, and yet it can trace its existence back for centuries; indeed, its origin is lost in the remote past. For long years its fame was confined to its own immediate neighborhood, but in these days of the railway, the telegraph, the press and tourist agencies, it was impossible to keep its fame from spreading far and wide and thus it came to pass that, from being a spectacle for humble pilgrims and the goal of a decennial pilgrimage for the devout, it has become the center of attraction to the pious and curious of two continents.

The last performance of the "Passion Play" was given in 1871, as a crowning religious act of the general enthusiasm which prevailed in Germany after the victories of the German troops in France and the returning peace. The performance of 1870, the proper year for the exhibition, was interrupted by the breaking out of the war, in consequence of which the theater had to be closed long before the appointed time, and the visitors were scattered to the four winds. Forty of the men and youth of Ammergau, among them several who had taken part in the play, were called to the ranks of the Bavarian army, Joseph Maier, the delineator of the character of Christ (as in the present year), was among those who had to perform military duty, although it fortunately happened that the reigning king of Bavaria, Ludwig II., who had ever manifested a deep interest in the "Passion Play," interfered in his favor, and allowed him to do garrison duty in Munich and retain his long, flowing hair. Of the forty who left the village in 1870 for the war, six never returned—two fell in battle and four died in the hospital. When the news of the peace concluded between Germany and France arrived in the Bavarian Highlands, fires of joy were lighted on every mountain top, from the Odenwald to the Tyrol, and the villagers of Ober-Ammergau met together and determined to give a representation of their "Passion Play" in honor of the event. "This," they said, "shall be our method of thanking God, who has bestowed on us the blessings of victory and peace." Since then nine years have passed, during which time the villagers have prepared themselves for the representation which begins to-day. When we look at the names of the players we can hardly realize that nine years have elapsed since the last performance. With the exception of a few, who were taken the place of Marie Fingler in the role of the Virgin, there is not a single change of importance. Truly, time does not seem to age the simple dwellers of the Ammerthal.

TIMELY TOPICS.

During a thunder-storm at Lille, France, a man who had been working at the foundations of the new Faculty of Medicine was mounting a ladder with his tools on his back, to reach some place of shelter, he was struck down senseless, and was removed paralyzed to the hospital. His arms and legs were found to be in a lifeless condition, and he was severely burned about the body and sides. His boots and clothes had been singed off in places. One of his comrades, who was standing near him at the time of the accident, felt a shock, and discovered that his hair had been singed, but he escaped all other injury.

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Longevity in Europe.

Herr Max Waldstein, of the statistical department at Vienna, says, in a recently published pamphlet, that the number of persons in Europe who are upward of ninety years old is 12,831. Of those who are over 100 years old there are 241 women and 161 men in Italy, 229 women and 138 men in Austria, and 526 women and 524 men in Hungary. There are in Austria 1,508,359 persons over sixty years of age, comprising 7.5 of the whole population. It is found that the percentage of old people is much higher among the Germans than among the Slavs. In the German provinces of Upper Austria and Salzburg it is 11.5, while in Galicia it is only four. In Hungary there are more old men than women, which is explained by the fact that the excess of women over men is less in Hungary than in any other countries. There are in Austria 100 women and eighty-six men who are 100 years old, and sixty-eight women and sixty men who are rising of 101 years of age.

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