

What we call the *German Independents*, are composed of persons not belonging to any of the above named religious societies and of what is called "Rationalists." All these, on account of diversity of opinion, are not used to congregate for religious purposes, and as they, therefore, do not manifest that unity of action which characterizes the professors of a common creed, we cannot record either houses of worship or other institutions of theirs of a religious character, nevertheless they support not less than eight independent schools, some very large and of high standing, and it is undeniable that they are liberal contributors towards benevolent enterprises, literature, arts, etc.

The exact numerical proportion of these four classes we could not establish, but it will not be far from the truth if we assume that of the entire German born population of Baltimore, 28 per cent. are Catholic, about 25 per cent. Protestants, about 17 per cent. Israelities, and about 30 per cent Independents. In connection with this statement, it is hardly necessary to mention, that, as the Catholics have the smallest number of churches and schools, they of course, have the largest congregations and average attendance of pupils; and again the Protestants, the largest number of the former and the smallest average of the latter.

Proceeding to

EDUCATION,

We have to report in this city

Not less than 5 schools of German Catholics,	
“ “ “ 12 “	“ Protestants,
“ “ “ 4 “	“ Israelites,
“ “ “ 8 “	“ Independents,

The aggregate of which, i. e., 29 schools, is certainly creditable to the German element, especially if the circumstance is taken into consideration, that on account of the excellency of our English grammar and High-schools, and their gratuitous tuition, many German parents prefer these to their own.

Quite a number of the German schools enjoy a superior reputation and begin to be patronized by Americans. The two largest of these are the Independent Institution of Prof. F. Knapp, with from 700 to 800 pupils and the "Zion School" of the Rev. H. Scherb, under the control of the Evangelical Association on North Gay street, with from 500 to 600 scholars. Both of these institutions embrace in their instruction, beyond the elementary branches, higher mathematics, calisthenics and the ornamental branches of drawing, music, etc.

Besides these schools enumerated, there exist evening classes and private tuition in families in great number, and it may be said that even among Americans, the instruction in music, drawing, calisthenics and gymnastics, etc., is nearly exclusively in the hands of German teachers, and that the