

## WORLD PRESBYTERIANISM.

From the reports submitted to the late Council of Reformed Churches we gather many interesting and valuable details of the Presbyterian organizations and their work.

The number of organized Presbyterian churches or denominations of the Reformed faith represented in the council is 84. They are in almost every land. Asia reports 41 churches with a membership of 72,648; Africa reports 10 organizations, of which the Dutch Reformed Church of Cape Colony is the strongest, having 146 congregations and a membership of 119,964; next to this is the Dutch Reformed Church in the Orange Free State with 44 congregations and 49,524 members. Thus the total membership in Africa is reported at 267,658. This does not include the United Presbyterian Church in Egypt and some other missions. Several of the churches of South Africa will be united next year. On the European continent there are 219 presbyteries, with 5,338 ministers and 841,604 members.

The strength of the Presbyterian bodies is in Great Britain and America, with the larger part in North America. In North America there are 557 presbyteries, 18,465 congregations with 15,694 ministers and 2,437,451 members, and 2,093,825 pupils in the Sabbath schools. In the United Kingdom there are 251 presbyteries and 5,698 congregations with 5,611 ministers and 1,603,385 members and 1,149,662 pupils in the Sabbath schools.

The ratio of the number in the Sabbath schools to the membership is larger in America as 86 per cent is to 70 per cent. The number of ministers in proportion to the membership is larger in America, for many of our congregations are yet new and small. The greatest disproportion is in the contributions, which aggregate 2,538,797 pounds in the United Kingdom and 7,592,289 pounds in North America.

The total for all countries is: Congregations, 30,523; Ministers, 28,105; elders, 142,592; communicants, 5,337,324; pupils in Sabbath schools 3,917,729. Total contributions, \$121,688. The increase in communicants in twenty years has been 1,615,244.

The following figures represent the foreign mission work of these churches: Ordained ministers, 1,361; medical missionaries, 280; all others, including wives, 2,250; native ordained ministers, 729; licentiate or preachers, 3,906; all other helpers, 4,876; communicants, 373,342. In no church, so far as we can discover, is the proportion of the members in the foreign mission fields to those in the home church so large as in the United Presbyterian.

## CHURCH AND STATE IN ENGLAND

A new ground of irritation between church and state in England, which may help on the cause of dis-establishment, finds expression in a bill now pending in Parliament to permit the Church of England to increase the number and to appoint the bounds of its diocese and to appoint as many new bishops as the church authorities may deem desirable. According to the present law, which has been operative since the Reformation, this has been forbidden except by special legislative permission. The church authorities claim the passage of the bill as the right of the church, while the non-conformists demand that as long as the Anglican church is the state church it must be subject to the state. As soon as the church is ready to renounce its state support they stand ready to release it from state control—a reasonable enough position, it would seem to one on the outside. As the non-conformists are practically in control the chances for the passage of the bill are thought to be very slender.

## BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

It is over twenty years now since Lord Aberdeen went first to Ireland as lord lieutenant.

Dr. Wm. Wallace, on account of long continued ill-health has resigned the editorship of the Glasgow Herald.

The old Tolbooth of Aberdeen, which was erected early in the 17th century is to receive some preservative treatment, the cost to be borne equally by the country and city.

A very rare specimen of the spineous shark has been offered by Mr. David Ross, Edinburgh to the Glasgow Museum.

Some Saxon painting on an old Saxon wall and part of a Norman piscina have been discovered during repairs at Stoke D'Abernon Church, Surrey, while the sexton has unearthed the top of a censer of 1,000 A.D., in the churchyard.

Miss Catherine Evangeline Booth-Clibbon, granddaughter of General Booth, will be married to the Rev. Jas. Strachan, M.A., minister of the Presbyterian Church, Belgrave Square, on Sept. 22.

Earl Nelson, father of the House of Lords, has just spent his eighty-sixth birthday at the Golf Links Hotel, Hunstanton, within a few miles of Burnham Thorpe, where his famous great-uncle was born.

General Booth was welcomed by 10,000 people at Leeds, where he addressed a crowded meeting at the Empire Theatre.

No fewer than 109 different specimens of wild flowers were shown by a Halberton child at the local flower show. Another child had 107 kinds.

France proposes to spend \$600,000 on her navy in the next ten years. What Lord Roberts has been raising an alarm there?

There were in the United States in 1906 one hundred and eighty-six religious denominations, 212,230 local religious organizations, 32,936,445 church members and \$1,257,575,867 in church edifices.

## CHOOSING A GUIDE.

A man cannot travel alone. Every man needs a guide. Not a treacherous, malicious guide, but one who is infallible. It was through the ignorance of a guide, or the maliciousness of one, that Napoleon allowed the empire of France to slip through his fingers when his cuirassiers at Waterloo plunged into the sunken road. In the Alps into the sunken road. In the Alps guides are necessities: the sort of guides that will rope the bodies of the tourists to their own and will never cut the ropes. But occasionally there are guides who cut the ropes and allow the climbers to slip over the edge of precipices when the critical moment comes. Such a guide as that we do not want, but we must cling to the Guide who placed the pillar of fire and the cloud over the traveling Israelites that they might reach the Land of Promise. It is that same Guide to whom we must cling until he shall finally lead us down by the river banks, all purple with the violets, where we shall finally be brought into that beautiful land of promise.—R. J. Burdette.

## FAREWELL.

By John Addington Symonds.

Thou goest; to what distant place  
Wilt thou thy sunlight carry?  
I stay with cold and clouded face;  
How long am I to tarry?  
Where'er thou goest morn will be;  
Thou leavest night and gloom to me.  
The night and gloom I can but take;  
I do not grudge thy splendor;  
Big souls of eager men awake.  
Be kind and bright and tender.  
Give day to other worlds; for me  
It must suffice to dream of thee.

## NERVOUS DISORDERS.

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## WHAT IS GOSSIP?

Anything that makes it harder for people to do right is a welcome reinforcement to the Devil. And one of the surest hindrances to right-doing is the exploitation of people's wrong-doing. The wrong-doing of their neighbors is the stock-in-trade of the gossip—therefore the gossip is a valuable ally of the Devil. Such gossip does not have to consist of falsehood or even of mere rumor; the truer it is, the more harm it may do. Yet this fact is often overlooked by those who love to talk about their fellow-beings' failures. Indeed in a little group of Christian people who were recently discussing this evil, one said, with considerable heat, that she did not consider that the telling of facts about any one was gossip! There are very few of us who could stand having all the facts of our personal records made the theme of neighborhood conversation-parties. Gossip searches out unlovely facts. Love ignores unlovely facts. Gossip and love do not get along well together.—S. S. Times.