

Clerk, Dr. Roberts, these replies have been tabulated, and we are enabled, for the first time in the history of our Church, to present you with facts instead of impressions, in regard to the present condition of public worship among Presbyterians.

From 26 Synods, 2001 ministers report for their churches as follows:

		PER CENT. OVER
<i>Sunday-schools:</i>		
Using Responsive Service.. .. .	1673	83
Using Lord's Prayer.....	1740	86
Using the Creed.....	746	37
<i>Churches:</i>		
Using Lord's Prayer.....	1432	71
Using Psalter responsively.....	1377	68
Using Creed regularly or occasionally.....	1017	51

Furthermore, of these 2001 ministers, 1774, or 88 *per cent.*, say that "there is room for improvement in the orderly and reverent conduct of worship generally." 1888, or 94 *per cent.*, say that "the people should participate." 1752, or over 87 *per cent.*, say that "a more general, voluntary agreement in regard to the parts of public worship and their order would be a help in this direction." A book of forms is used as follows: marriages 1627, funerals 1619, baptisms 1503, Lord's Supper 1457; and 1634, or over 81 *per cent.*, say that they "feel the need of such a book."

These figures show beyond question: first, that the movement toward an order of service with responsive features is already going on in three-fourths of our churches; second, that nine-tenths of our ministers desire improvement and better order in the conduct of worship generally in our Church; third, that almost all of our ministers wish the people to take part in the service; fourth, that more than four-fifths of our ministers wish for more unity in Presbyterian worship, if it can be voluntarily brought about; and finally, that all but about fifteen *per cent.* feel the need of a book of forms.

Another set of statistics, drawn from the same documents, refers to the actual orders of service used in the different churches. Here only the returns from the three large Synods of Illinois,