

wars." *et omne hoc genus*, the estimate of a writer in *The Century*, on Lord Beaconsfield as a representative Jew, is correct:—

"And yet the fact remains that Disraeli was not a first-class man. His qualities were not those of the world's heroes; he possessed talent rather than genius; he was a sagacious politician aiming at self-aggrandizement, not a wise statesman building his monument in enduring acts of public service; and the study of his career is calculated to dazzle, to entertain, even to amuse, rather than to elevate, to stimulate, or to ennoble."

The Census returns are gradually coming to light. The following religious aspect of the same will have its interest for us. The increase of population for the entire Dominion is estimated at twenty-five per cent. for the last ten years, the city of Toronto's increase during the same period being fifty-four per cent. We as a denomination appear as holding our own; is it possible to do more?—

Rank in 1881.	Denomination.	1881.	1871.	Rank in 1871.
1	Roman Catholics	1,791,982	1,492,029	1
2	METHODISTS	742,981	549,499	2
	Church of Canada	582,963		
	Episcopal	103,272		
	Bible Christian	27,236		
	Primitive	25,680		
	Other Methodists	3,830		
3	PRESBYTERIANS	676,165	544,998	3
	Church in Canada	629,280		
	Church of Scotland	32,834		
	Reformed	12,945		
	Other	1,105		
4	Church of England	574,818	491,049	4
5	BAPTISTS	296,525	239,343	5
	Baptists	225,236		
	Free Will	50,055		
	Tunkers (Mennonites)	21,234		
6	Lutherans	46,350	37,935	6
7	Congregationalists	26,900	21,829	7
8	Disciples	20,193		
9	Adventists	7,211	6,179	9
10	Quakers	6,553	7,345	8
	Protestant	6,519	10,145	
11	Universalists	4,517	4,896	11
12	Pagan	4,478	1,886	13
13	No religion	2,634	5,575	10
14	Episcopal Reformed	2,596		
15	Jews	2,393	1,115	14
16	Unitarians	2,126	2,275	12
	Other denominations	12,500	17,977	
	Not given	86,769	17,055	

From this table it will be seen that over the whole Dominion there has not been any change in the numerical rank of the denominations. The increase, however, made by the chief denominations is as follows:—

	Per cent.
Roman Catholics	21
Methodists	35
Presbyterians	24
Church of England	16½
Baptists	24
Congregationalists	22
Increase of population over whole country	25

CITY OF TORONTO.				
Rank in 1881.	Denomination.	1881.	1871.	Rank in 1871.
1.	Church of England	30,913	20,668	1
2.	METHODISTS	16,358	9,596	3
	Church of Canada	15,246		
	Episcopal	92		
	Bible Christian	204		
	Primitive	810		
3	Roman Catholics	15,716	11,981	2
4	Presbyterians	14,612	8,982	4
5	Baptists	3,667	1,953	5
6	Congregationalists	2,018	1,185	6
7	Jews	534	157	14
8	Lutherans	494	343	7
9	Brethren	419	324	8
10	Disciples	312		
11	Unitarians	255	270	9
12	Episcopal Reformed	96		
13	No religion	59	66	10
14	Quakers	57	23	11
	Protestant	36	13	
15	Universalist	6	12	13
16	Adventists	3	21	12
	Other denominations	387	255	
	Not given	474	108	

The percentage of increase made by some of the denominations in the city as compared with the growth of the city's population is as follows:—

	Per cent.
Church of England	49
Methodists	73½
Roman Catholics	82½
Presbyterians	62½
Baptists	88
Congregationalists	70
Increase of city population	54

We have not yet seen an analysis of other cities, but should they show an increased percentage over the general twenty-two per cent. in the Dominion, as Toronto has done, we as a denomination shall be called upon to face the fact that in the rural districts we are losing ground, which means that our base of supply is being wasted. Our future missionary operations must, if they are to be successful, be carried on with a firm grasp of this fact. We ought not to neglect the country.

REV. B. NOTT, late of Barnstaple, Eng., who brings a transfer letter from the Con. Union of North Devon, is at present without charge. His address is, "care of Mr. G. L. Nott, Oshawa."