

Correcting this aggregate by statistics for *population*, herein given for *communicants* only, in the United States and Canada, we have a grand total of fifty millions, eight hundred and eighty-seven thousand, two hundred and forty.

More than fifty millions of Lutherans are in the world. The Lutheran Church is great indeed, and great in more than numbers. Her millions of adherents are the human bulwark, not only of Protestantism but of Christianity, in the world to-day. They are among the noblest and best of the inhabitants of earth. They shine as lights which God has kindled, wherever they be, conspicuous by reason of honesty, virtue and faith in Him whose they are and whom they serve. As in the Lutheran Church Christ's pure religion was restored to man, so in connection with that Church her people yet uphold and live by that religion. And he who unites with them to serve the Lord will find in the Lutheran Church a home wherein he will have ministered unto him of the riches of Christ; he will find friends in the time of trouble, consolation in the hour of death, and safe direction to the Christian's everlasting home in heaven.