

VI.—STATISTICS OF THE WORLD'S MISSIONS.

The Growth of the Church.

No one familiar with the facts, questions that the Evangelical Church is making encouraging progress in the United States. We now have 107,300 churches, 82,723 ministers and 11,809,000 members, distributed as follows:

	Churches.	Ministers.	Members.
Methodists,.....	32,000	30,400	4,000,000
Baptists,.....	42,700	28,255	3,800,000
Presbyterians,.....	15,000	11,600	1,500,000
Lutherans,.....	8,100	4,217	1,023,000
Congregationalists,.....	5,000	4,500	500,000
Episcopalians,.....	4,700	3,850	445,000

The increase is shown according to the following table. The membership of the Church was in

1800, one in 15	of the population.
1850, one in 7	of the population.
1870, one in 6	of the population.
1880, one in 5	of the population.
1898, one in 4.5	of the population.

The Evangelical Protestant Churches of the United States since 1800 have contributed to

Foreign Missions,.....	\$ 75,000,000
Home Missions,.....	100,000,000
Religious Publishing Houses,....	150,000,000

They build ten new churches every working day.

In their colleges in 1884 they had 79 per cent. of all the college students.

They have a church for every one thousand of the population.

Sabbath-school scholars in United States,.....	9,156,739
Sabbath-school scholars in the world,.....	18,419,961

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATIONS.

No. in United States,.....	1,240
No. of Members,.....	150,000
Buildings, etc. (value),.....	\$7,262,000

These statistics are taken from the exhibit made in the Cincinnati Centennial Exposition, and are, we presume, approximately correct. Surely such figures should encourage the Church to more zeal and effort for the upbuilding of Christ's kingdom in our beloved land.—*Herald and Presbyterian*.

—The statistical report as given in the Annual Methodist Episcopal Year-Book shows: Annual Conferences, 110; itinerant preachers, 14,135; local preachers, 14,132; lay members, 2,093,935; number of Sunday-school scholars, 2,016,181; value of church property, \$80,812,792; value of parsonages, \$12,908,047. Total value of church property, \$93,720,839.

—The Year-Book of the United Brethren in Christ for 1889 shows 4,451 organized societies, an increase of 55 in a year. Itinerant preachers, 1,490; local preachers, 560; number of members in the church, 204,517, increase, 9,239; Sabbath-schools, 3,509; teachers and officers, 32,026, increase, 1,975; preachers' salaries, \$474,500, an increase of \$25,912. Total collected for mis-

sions, \$91,134. Total for all purposes, \$1,036,086.

—The statistics of American Baptist missions to foreign countries are given as follows: The American Baptist Missionary Union—stations, 60, out-stations, 831; missionaries of all classes, 2,000; churches, 1,236; members, 177,208; baptized last year, 10,602. The Southern Baptist Convention—Churches and stations, 51; missionaries of all classes, 114; members, 1,968; baptized last year, 391; making the grand total of missionaries, 2,174; churches, 1,374; church members, 129,170; baptisms last year, 10,993. The appropriations of the Union were, for the past year, \$290,586.40; those of the Southern Baptist Convention, \$83,000; total appropriations, \$473,586.40, an average of about 17 cents to each member of Baptist churches in the United States.

—The Protestant Episcopal Church, according to *Whittaker's Almanac* for 1889, has 50 dioceses, 16 missionary jurisdictions, 69 bishops, 6,766 priests and deacons. The baptisms for 1888 numbered 56,709; confirmations, 39,590. The whole number of communicants, 450,052; Sunday-school scholars, 342,431. The contributions amounted to \$11,483,597. The increase of communicants is upward of 12,000.

—According to recent statistics the Lutheran Church in America now numbers about one million communicant members. Of these less than one-fourth are entirely English, more than one-half are Germans, and about one-fourth are Scandinavians, Finns and others. The difference of language, together with doctrinal disagreements, have caused the Lutheran Church of this land to divide itself into no less than fifty-four synods. A number of these are again united into general bodies, of which there are four. The Synodical Conference, with 333,987 members, is ultra-conservative and is almost entirely German; the General Council, with a membership of 245,228, is composed of German, English, and Swedish Synods, or occupies a more moderate position; the General Synod, entirely English, with a membership of 140,553 is the most liberal of all the branches; while the United Synod of the South, entirely English, with a membership of 33,703, at least officially accepts the symbols in full. The Independent Synods, all Germans and Scandinavians, have 241,552 members.

—The Welsh Calvinistic Methodists embrace 1,220 churches, 1,290,000 members, 1,012 ministers, and 1,450 Sabbath-schools, with home and foreign missionary societies.

—The Catholic Church in the United States has 13 archbishops, 71 bishops, 7,976 priests, 1,411 seminaries, 7,424 churches, 3,133 chapels and stations, 27 seminaries, 97 colleges, 546 academies, 3,024 parochial schools, 555,965 pupils in parochial schools, 519 charitable institutions, and a Catholic population of 7,855,294.—*Catholic Review*.