

It may be interesting to American readers to know the relative proportions of the Christian denominations in this country. The Methodists lead, with 22,582 ministers and 3,574,585 members. The Baptists follow, with 18,331 ministers and 2,452,878 members. The Presbyterians, of all bodies, have 9,830 ministers and 1,172,705 members. The Lutherans are next, with 3,132 ministers and 950,868 members. The Disciples have 3,782 ministers and 501,821 members. The Congregationalists are sixth, with 3,654 ministers and 304,330 members. The Episcopalians, including the Reformed Episcopal Church, take the seventh place, with 3,532 ministers and 347,781 members; the United Brethren rank next, with 2,196 ministers and 158,835 members; the Evangelical Association next with 893 ministers and 112,197 members. The Friends next, with nearly 100,000; the Second Adventists next, with 83,000; the Dunkers have 60,000; the Menorites 50,000; and the Moravians bring up the rear with a little band of less than 9,490 (for the whole body numbers only 43,000). The Universalists, Unitarians and Swedenborgians have, collectively, about 1,260 societies.

MARTIN LUTHER, in one of his conflicts with the devil, was asked by the arch enemy if he felt his sins forgiven. "No," said the great reformer, "I don't feel that they are forgiven, but I *know* they are, because God says so in His Word." Paul did not say, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt feel saved," but "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved." No one can feel that his sins are forgiven. Ask that man whose debt was paid by his brother, "Do you feel that your debt is paid?" "No," is the reply, "I don't feel that it is paid; I *know* from this receipt that it is paid, and I feel happy because I know it is paid."

So with you, dear reader. You must first believe in God's love to you as revealed at the Cross of Calvary, and then you will feel happy because you shall *know* that you are saved.

A dear old Christian, on hearing persons speaking of their feelings, used to say: "Feelings! feelings! don't bother yourself about your feelings. I just stick to the old truth that Christ died for me, and he is my surety right on to eternity, and I'll stick to that like a limpet to the rock."

"Be my feelings what they will,
Jesus is my Saviour still."

— Watchman.

David's little pebble from his sling was sent in the name and for the glory of Israel's God. That gave it direction and force. So let my feeble efforts to glorify God and oppose evil be directed and energized.

The little island of Atafu, in the South Seas, is said to be the only purely Christian country in the world. Every adult on the island is a member of the church on confession of faith.

MARRIAGES.

MCDONALD-KENT—At New Glasgow, P. E. I., by Elder D. Crawford, on October 3rd, Mr. Allan McDonald, Wheatley River, to Miss Martha E. Kent, New Glasgow.

RICHARDSON-MOSELEY.—On the 14th ult., at the residence of the bride's father, Geo. Moseley, Esq., by O. B. Emery, Mr. Charles Richardson to Miss Maggie Moseley, all of Deer Island, Charlotte County, N. B.

SMITH-BARKER.—On the 21st ult., at the residence of the officiating minister, by O. B. Emery, Mr. Thomas H. Smith to Mrs. Hannah Barker, all of Deer Island, Charlotte County, N. B.

DEATHS.

NELSON.—Suddenly at Mosherville, Hants Co., N. S., in the month of October, Bessie, beloved wife of Thomas Nelson, in the 40th year of her age, leaving a large family to mourn her loss.

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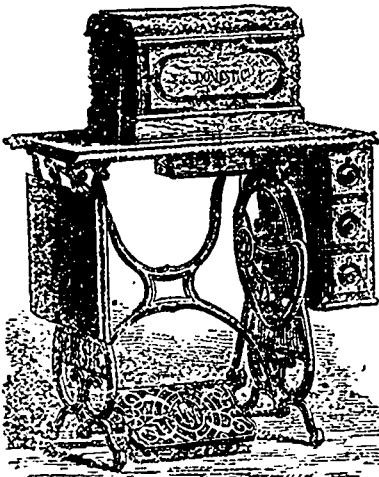
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