

population is scattered over Congregationalism, and the usual other "isms" found in our own land. There is a movement on for union among the same three bodies as in Canada.

It is doubtful if it has been as wisely led as with us and the immediate future is by no means certain, although the ultimate future must bring it about. The very needs of the country demand the closing up of the ranks and the economizing of the sinful waste of division.

There are no large Presbyterian churches. The most influential in Sydney only seats 850. The buildings, as is also true of the public schools, are not in keeping with the rest of the city, at least in Sydney. This is true, especially of the Protestant Churches. But Rev. John Ferguson of St. Stephen assured me that the Presbyterian people were loyal, devoted and self-sacrificing and doing their full share for the higher life of the community.

Years ago Rev. Dr. Lang of the old Scottish church was a tower of strength, not only preaching but sitting in parliament fighting the battle of righteousness and when hampered on the platform thundering from the pulpit. Today his statue stands in bronze in Wynyard Park, in the heart of the city, the only statue of a clergyman in the Antipodes.

Throughout Australia out of a population (1909 census) of 4,406,799 the Presbyterians number 493,375 or 11.19 per cent. The membership in full communion in that year (the latest report) was 59,021 in 44 Presbyteries. These are divided into 660 charges with 459 active ministers, 1104 church buildings, 375 manses and debts on buildings of £211,329.

In 1909 there were 2289 elders, 8925 deacons and managers, and a full list of societies such as Sabbath School, Women's Organizations, Temperance, Literary and Endeavor Societies. 1125 Sunday Schools had 73,339 scholars with an average attendance of 51,771 and 6530 in Bible Classes. The Sunday Schools are up-to-date and progressive in method. Mission work is carried on among the aboriginal blacks in the Hebrides, Korea, India and in the cities. There are two colleges, Ormond in Melbourne and St. Andrew's in Sydney. The church also conducts a deaconess institute near Melbourne, a girls' home in Victoria state and recently