

Its regard for education and its missionary zeal.

8. *What proof is there for this statement?*

Congregationalists founded nearly all the New England colleges, and have planted schools on a liberal scale throughout the Southern and Western States, being the first to invade Mormondom. Congregationalists have expended in educational work in the South more money than all the other denominations combined. Through General Armstrong they built up the most famous school for negroes and Indians in the world. Their theological seminaries stand at the head of institutions of their kind. They have given to the country masters of their art in all departments of literature. They are issuing a steady stream of high-grade periodical publications.

Congregationalists founded the first foreign missionary society in this country, have sustained a great and ever-increasing Home Missionary work, have produced the most successful evangelists,—among them Finney, Nettleton and Moody,—and have taken the lead in newer forms of Christian work, such as institutional churches, college settlements, and rescue missions.

9. *What do Congregationalists require for church membership?*

• Evidence of repentance for sin, faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, and a renewed life.

10. *What range of freedom is allowed?*

Individual interpretation of the Scriptures accepted as the rule of life; choice between immersion and sprinkling in baptism as preferred; the use or the rejection of liturgical forms; decision by the individual of mooted questions touching conduct within the limits of pure morals.

11. *What is the attitude of Congregationalism toward other branches of the Christian Church?*

Congregationalism recognizes all evangelical bodies as parts of the general Church of Christ. It has aimed to live in peace and sympathy with them, co-operating, as far as possible, in all good works. A Congregationalist, Rev. W. W. Patton, D.D., originated the Evangelical Alliance, and the denomination has favored all wise efforts looking to greater organic unity.

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