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The Briggs Case.

The interminable Briggs case came to the front again, last week, and has probably received its final quietus in the ecclesiastical courts. It will be remembered that the case was carried to the General Assembly of 1891 on an appeal from the Presbytery of New York. The friends of Dr. Briggs held that it was irregular to take the case to the General Assembly before it had been tried by the Synod, and a complaint was made to the Synod of New York, which is now in session at Rochester. The complaints were referred to the judicial committee, which made a report that, after vigorous discussion, was adopted by a large majority. The report says: "The judicial committee take this occasion to confirm the right of complainants in the Presbytery to ask relief of the Synod whenever they are aggrieved, and all loyal Presbyterians acknowledge the largest liberty under our constitution and form of government in seeking a true adjustment of their difficulties. But in this case we recommend that these complaints be dismissed for the following considerations; The five complaints all relate to occurrences on the second trial of Dr. Briggs by the Presbytery of New York. The merits of that case have all been heard on appeal in the General Assembly. In the General Assembly of 1893 the whole case was heard at great length and a final judgment was rendered at that time by that assembly, covering the whole case. This, in our opinion, clearly and finally disposes of all interlocutory questions in those cases, no matter when those cases were pending."—Christian Evangelist.

The census statistics of the churches show that the Congregationalists are still the most numerous Protestant denomination in New England, having 1,521 church organizations, property valued at \$21,538,071, and 229,936 communicants, or 4.9 per cent. of the population. The Methodists rank next to the Congregationalists in number of churches and communicants, though the Baptists exceed them in value of church property. They have 1,369 churches, \$10,325,230 of church property, and 146,570 communicants, or 3.1 per cent. of the population. The Baptists have 938 churches, \$10,994,940 of church property, and 130,450 communicants, or 2.8 per cent. of the population. The Unitarians have 254 churches, property valued at \$6,399,270, and 43,025 members, or .9 per cent. of the population. The Universalists have 333 churches, property valued at \$3,809,618, and 17,632 members, or .4 per cent. of the population. The Presbyterians have 41 churches \$906,800 of property, and 7,114 members, or .15 per cent. of the population. The Roman Catholics have 81 churches, \$16,875,003 of property, and 1,004,605 communicants, or 21 per cent. of the population.—Guardian.

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