Peculiarities in Churches.

Marvelous Exhibit from Oddities in Principles and Over the Border.

Progressed in 1896.

in Mission Effort,

How the Many Denominations Bodies Scarcely Known in Canada Working Hard.

About Two-Thirds Protestant and One-Third Catholic-The Latter Day Saints Sent Out 1,400 Missionaries Last Year-Adventists and Christian Scientists and Their Pe-

> culiar Views-Noteworthy Denominational Comparisons.

Though they exist in a country ly- | Sabbath school instruction. A Jewish university is projected. ing close to the Dominion, and in many cases have intimate relations with kindred bodies in Canada, how erroneously called "Mormons." They Lew people in this country know any- aim to make proselytes, but "the parathing about the progress of the many religious bodies in the United States? instructed by a summary of the inter- sionary fields of America, Europe and Independent has procured from those bodies.

Seventh Day Adventists in Canada. They are a pretty strong body in the States. Last year their ministers were increased by 61. They are a missionary sect, and 50 additional missionaries were sent into the foreign field wayo, theirs was the only mission station that was not burned and completely ruined. A number of colonists were sent to Matabeleland from the date before the Legislature for United Adventist Church in America. Sanilariums, under skilled physicians and nurses, will be set up by the Adventists in Mexico and India this year. The Adventists circulated last year millions of their books and tracts, and

The principal event in the year's was the sending forth of a special missionary in a chapel car to work tions. Missions are conducted in West Baptists (colored). Forty weekly and printed and circulated by this church among its people. The Free Baptists

Christian character is the only test of church fellowship set up by it. The debt. The Christians favor unity, and

ing of the debt of \$100,000 by the Amchurch membership increased 20,000

sionaries in India and two in Smyrna, tion has six colleges, with work extending from Pennsylvania to Cali-

great revivals at different points, and they have been most successful. This body was founded by Jacob Albright Just 100 years ago, and it now has United States and Canada, two strong ous mission in Japan, with 25 preachers and 800 members. Members of the United Evangelical Church contributed an average of \$7 per member to sustain its work last year. The sect issues twelve denominational periodicals-nine English and three Germanconducts three colleges, and sustains missionaries in the Western States and Canadian Northwest.

brethren have rebelled against the garb. Haverford College, the leading seat of learning in the Eastern States. last year had added to its already \$750,000. In the State of Indiana alone have become Friends. Some of them is also noted in the Southern Presby-

tists, Altruists, Adonai, Shomo and les are doing well. Church Triumphant (Koreshan Ec-

mount object is to warn all nations our Lord and Redeemer." New re cruits are being sent into the misthe islands of the seas, while home institutions, co-operative companies and factories all promise increased advancement and thrift. From another We have heard something about the correspondent it is learned that the Latter-Day Saints have a membership of 200,000 in the United States. All over eight years are counted, as at that age they are immersed and received into the church. About 1,400 missionaries were sent out in 1896. The church leaders in Utah are insisting that no member shall take political office without the sanction of his ecclesiastical superiors. Apostle Moses Thatcher rebelled against this decree, claiming political freedom, but he was deposed from his office, and the privilege of preaching was taken away States Senator, and his arbitrary treatment is procuring him much sympathy in the church and out of it

The Lutherans are increasing. They now represent about 7,000,000 of a population. Decided progress is shown in the Americanization of the foreignborn elements. Many pastors insist on holding one English service a Sunday, even in those districts, where the work of the Regular Baptists (white)
There are German, English, Swedish and Norwegian elements in the church. Missionaries are maintained in India are in operation.

> Another earnest religious body is the Mennonites. The church increased its foreign missionaries to sixteen last home mission work. The sect mainin Cleveland. A home for old people has been established. There is some prospect of unity between the Mennonite Church proper and the Amish

Last year the Methodist Episcopal

Church had a total income of about \$24,000,000. The church maintains 51 deaconesses' homes, hospitals and or-Congregational Church was the lift- phanages, of which 15 are in foreign Nothing Definite Regarding the Idenlands. In this church, the time limit erican board. It is stated that the for pastors is now five years, and for presiding elders, six years. The Methodist Episcopal Church (South) gained nearly 50,000 in 1896; in the four years, ed, made as great progress last year up to 1896, the M. E. Church (North) as they have ever made in a like pe- gained 474,042 in membership. The Meriod. In the Christian Endeavor army thodist Protestant Church have now the Disciples are third in point of made women eligible to the order of numbers. During the year they had elder. This branch of the body has a a net gain of 569 societies-an average university in Kansas City, with 60 professors. Marvelous progress, it is re-We have Dunkards in Canada, but ported, has been made by the Colored they are a very reserved body. Over Methodists in 1896. The A. M. E. Zion the border the sect is vigorous. It Church celebrated its 100th annivercers, 4,478 preachers and 500,000 mem-

bers. The African Methodist Episcopal under whom Greek and Armenian Church recorded 599,141 members, 4,- wife separated some years ago, and converts are reported. The denomina- 365 itinerant preachers, and 15,885 lo- her whereabouts is at present uncal preachers, and exhorters. Women are now admitted to the general and African Methodism contributes to her educational institutions \$2,000,000 annually, and controls church property

> The Moravian Church has increased 50 per cent in membership in 25 years. The church is now conducting a mission in Alberta, N. W. T., among immigrants from Volhynia, and other

Churches, there is one body which holds that it is wrong to vote or hold public office. It has an agent, whose tion of its position.

the most noteworthy event was the orand responsibility, of ritual and doginto vital relations with the ele-

mentary needs of the lowest people." 500 Indians in the Indian Territory a million dollars. Steady advancement are effective ministers. There are terian Church, which has a total mem-Friends Orthodox, Hicksite, Wilburite | bership of 210,539. The Cumberland membership by over 15,000. Its col-Shakers, Amana, Harmony, Separa- leges, academies and female seminar-

It will be remembered that attention was recently drawn in New York The Jews are represented by the by Mr. Moody to the alleged fact that editor of the Jewish Messenger as a large number of Presbyterian "developing rapidly into an American churches showed no increase of memenomination." They have flag drill bership for the year, but this has in the Hebrew Institute, New York, been fully explained as applying only to teach the young patriotism. They to a certain number of churches withhave enlarged their hospitals and out pastors and in special conditions,

the United States show a very satisfactory advance in membership. The Reformed (Dutch) Church is

talking of union with other churches. Already a scheme for avoidduplication in ong Hungarians on this continent, and it has a missionary among the Bohemians in Chicago. It maintains three

home for aged ministers. The state of the Roman Catholic Church in the United States is represented as "never more peaceful." There is, it is stated, no truth in the alleged intention of the Pope to discipline the American bishops who believe in adapting her institutions to the circum-

stances of the republic. The Salvation Army authorities state that the schism of Commander Ballington Booth and wife has not materially injured it. It has yet 2,120 officers, 675 corps, with an average of 40,000 persons who seek salvation publicly at the penitent form each year. "The! Volunteers of America," the body founded by Ballington Booth, chronicle satisfactory progress.

The Christian Scientists report 185 during the year. There are also 145 fewer than 3,700 churches. Below we regular Sunday services-an increase of 12. Forty-eight public Christian the various denominations, as report-Scientist reading rooms have been es- | ed by themselves:

tablished. The enrolled membership is from 25,000 to 30,000, and the church attendance in Canada and the United storation of the primitive Christianity sick, and the reformation of the depraved by one and the same method."

"An ex-judge of the Supreme Court of Japan," and other influential men are reported as among the year's converts to "The United Brethren in Christ." The church conducts a mission in Africa, and has considerately established a sanitarium, to which its enervated missionaries in that tropical land may go to recruit. A mission to China is also maintained.

Dr. Edward Everett Hale reports for the Unitarians that their churches were represented at Buda Pesth at the thousandth anniversary of the establishment of the Kingdom of Hungary. The oldest Unitarian churches are to be found in that land. Eight preachers from other denominations joined the Unitarians in 1896. The Universalists report holding their own at home and conducting vigorous missionary work in Japan.

There is a very substantial increase hartered churches—an increase of 40 bodies in 1896, and an addition of no give a summary of the standing of

	1 100	Commu-
Denominations. Ministers.	Churches.	nicants.
Adventists, 6 bodies 1,365	2,050	77,293
Baptists, 13 bodies	47,807	4,153,857
Brethren (River), 3 bodies 155	111	3,427
Brethren (Plymouth), 4 bodies	314	6,661
Catholics, 6 bodies 10,878	16,247	8,287,048
Catholic Apostolic 95	10	1,491
Chinese Temples	47	
Christadelphians	63	1,277
Christians, 2 bodies	1.480	120,000
Christian Missionary Association 10	13	754
Christian Missionary Association	313	25,000
Chiliptian Detentible	294	18,215
Christian Union	560	36,000
Church of dod	12	384
Church Triumphant	149	7,527
Church of the New Jerusalem 142		3,950
Communistic Societies, 7 bodies	31	622,557
Congregationalists 5,475	5,600	
Disciples of Christ 5,360	9,607	1,003,672
Dunkards, 4 bodies	1,026	83,475
Evangelical, 2 bodies 1,260	2,154	148,783
Friends, 4 bodies 1,314	1,087	116,989
Friends of the Temple 4	4	340
German Evangelical Protestant 45	55	36,500
German Evangelical Synod 866	1,101	186,000
Jews, 2 bodies 290	548	139,500
Latter-Day Saints, 2 bodies	1.011	234,000
Lutherans, 19 bodies 5,993	10,022	1.420,905
Waldenstromians	150	20,000
Waldenstronnans a	614	52,944
	50.258	5.653,289
Methodists, 17 bodies	109	13,614
	14.559	1.460,346
Presbyterians, 12 bodies 11,154	6.190	345,566
Protestant Episcopal, 2 bodies 4,705	2,391	848,471
Reformed, 3 bodies		
Salvationists, 2 bodies 2,570	825	, 40,000
Schwenkfeldians 3	4	306
Social Brethren 17	20	913
Society for Ethical Culture	4	1,064
Spiritualists	334	45,036
Theosophical Society	122	3,000
United Brethren, 2 bodies 2,366	5,026	271,03
Cnitarians 525	458	70,000
Universalists 797	825	49,02
Independent congregations 54	156	14,120
Total	183,761	25,424,333

Attempt to Solve the Port Stanly Mystery.

tity of the Remains Found on Fraser Heights.

found on the Fraser grounds, Port Stanley, is not yet identified, but it body of Capt. F. E. St. Amour. John Price of Port Stanley, telegraphed to Mrs. St. Amour, at Wallaceburg, and received a reply to the effect that the captain was at present in British Col-

present engaged here, believes the dead man is William Ward, a painter, hailing from Wardsville. Keillor says he met Ward, whom he was well ac ley to endeaavor to secure employ-ment on a boat there. Ward and his known. He also had a brother in the cigar business at Chatham. Detective Fairbrother is in communication with the authorities at Wardsville and at Chatham, and will likely receive in

formation as to whether it was the body of Ward. Many residents of the Port say that it would be utterly impossible for a man to have been lying in the spot where the body was found during the heated term and busy picnic season, with hundreds of people rambling about there, without having discover-

Chatham, Ont., Jan. 16.-Citizens of of Wallaceburg, missing for several months past, believe that the remains found at Port Stanley are those the unfortunate vessel man, Capt. St. Amour, who, at one time, sailed the Merritt, hailing port, and latterly the Mount Clemens. disappeared mysteriously one night last June, while on his way to join his vessel. Trainmen say they saw him on board a C. P. R. express, bound west, in company with sharpers. He was in liquor, and had trace of him has been discovered.

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lining, worth \$10, Saturday Night, \$6 95 SUITS-Men's All-Wool Suits, worth

Saturday Night \$7 49 KNICKERS-Boys' Knickers, fine goods, Saturday Night 29c

or wrappers, worth 50c,

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Saturday Night 62c MUSLIN-10 pieces White Spot Muslin for curtains, worth 15c and 20c, Saturday Night 10c TRIMMINGS-One Lot Astrachan Trim mings, worth 15c, 20c and 25c,

> Saturday Night 10c DAMASK-One Piece Unbleached Table Damask, 58 inches wide, worth 30c, Saturday Night 25c

QUILTS-White Quilts, Toiles Patterns, large size, worth \$1 50, Saturday Night \$1 25 SHEETING-One Piece Bleached Twill Sheeting, 66 inches wide, worth 25c,

Saturday Night 18c BLANKETS - White Wood Blankets, 8 pounds, heavy and large, worth \$3 75, Saturday Night \$3 25 TICKING Best Feather Ticking worth

Saturday Night 19c DAMASK-Bleached Table, wide and fine, Saturday Night 50c

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Saturday Night \$1

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