

'Whoso boasteth himself of a false gift, is like clouds and wind without rain.' And the apostle Jude, speaking of some in the primitive times, that *crept in unawares* among the saints, and having a great show of religion, were for a while not suspected. *These are clouds* (says he) *without water, carried about of winds*, Jude ver. 4 and 12. And the apostle Peter, speaking of the same says, 2 Pet. ii. 17, 'These are clouds without water, carried with a tempest.' False affections, if they are equally strong, are much more forward to declare themselves, than true; because it is the nature of false religion to affect show and observation; as it was with the Pharisees. —*Jonathan Edwards.*

RELIGIOUS DENOMINATIONS in the UNITED STATES.

The following table has appeared in several American publications, and has been thought as nearly correct as such an estimate can be without an actual census of the different Societies.

Baptists.	4,300,000
Methodists..	3,000,000
Presbyterians....	2,175,000
Congregationalists.	1,400,000
Roman Catholics..	800,000
Episcopalians....	600,000
Universalists ...	600,000
Lutherans.....	540,000
Dutch Reformed....	450,000
Christians.....	300,000
Friends.....	220,000
Unitarians.....	180,000
Mormonites.	12,000
Tunkers.	30,000
Shakers.	6,000
Moravians.....	5,575
Swedenborgians ...	4,000
Infidels and Atheists..	30,000

This table does not refer to communicants, but includes all persons who entertain the respective sentiments here referred to, together with their families. The whole table amounts to 14,652,575—about the present population of the United States.

AN INFIDEL GRAPPLING WITH ALLEINE'S ALARM.—Mr. S. S. White, Agent, having left volumes in the hands of Mr. B. a merchant in Western New York, who offered to superintend their distribution, returned after two or three weeks, when the merchant gave him the following history: "Even now," said he, "we are reaping the fruits of the Volume circulation. I have in my employ a man who was a thorough Infidel, and so active in diffusing his sentiments, that I knew not but it was my duty to turn him away. One day as he came into my store, I took up Alleine's Alarm, and asked if he would read it on condition of my presenting it to him. He agreed to do so; and the first Sabbath in February read the book. On Monday evening he came into my counting room, and when I inquired how he liked the book, he immediately burst into tears, unable longer to conceal his emotion. After he became more composed, he went on to relate the exercises of his mind. He requested me to pray for him; and like them of old, 'chose' that very night 'whom he would serve;' and now he gives the most decided evidence of piety."—*Tract Magazine.*

SETTLING ACCOUNTS.—When a minister was spending a few weeks in Edinburgh, there came, on business, to the house where he was, a man of the world. He was introduced to the minister in the following manner. 'This is an acquaintance of mine, and I am sorry to add, though young and healthy, never attends public worship.' 'I am almost tempted to hope that you are bearing false witness against your neighbour,' replied the minister. 'By no means,' said the man, 'for I always spend my Sunday in settling accounts.' The minister replied, 'You will find, Sir, that the day of judgment will be spent in the same manner.'