

METHODISTS.

Bishop McTyeire in his recent history of Methodism gives the following as the numerical strength of the Methodist church throughout the world.

United States (including Negroes).....	3,980,594
Canada.....	171,903
Great Britain and Missions.....	937,185
Irish Conference.....	25,050
French ".....	2,024
Austrian ".....	69,392
South African Conference.....	26,038

Grand total..... 5,212,186

PRESBYTERIANS.

The late meeting of the Presbyterian Alliance (June, 1884) at Belfast, makes the following enumeration of the membership of the Reformed churches holding the Presbyterian faith and order :

United States.....	1,231,377
United Kingdom.....	2,999,038
Continent of Europe.....	2,352,421
British Colonial churches.....	167,624

Grand total..... 6,750,624

The publishers of the proceedings of the Belfast Council make to the above statement this note, "The incompleteness of the detailed statistical returns render this summary a very inadequate showing of the strength of the Reformed churches." Complete returns from all the Reformed churches would very materially increase the above figures.

The constituency represented in these figures are variously estimated from forty to fifty millions, or nearly equal to the population of the United States at the last census. The Presbyterian church with its grand system of doctrine,—its free, representative form of government,—is adapted to all conditions of our race. It is making progress everywhere. To every grade of civilized life it is suited. On every mission field it is winning many and glorious triumphs for the King. In our own land its success has been most gratifying. In 1788, we had 35,000 communicants; now we have nearly a million and a half, and the church was never stronger and more active and aggressive than it is to-day. In these things we do not boast, but are sincerely thankful to God that He has in the ages past been so good and kind to this grand old church; we shall ever pray, that like "the banyan tree, it may continue to strike its roots downward and expand upward, gathering with the years increasing numbers in its shadow, and thus bringing greater and still greater blessings to the wearied millions of the world."

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