

"For the following significant statistics of lodges, as compared with churches, in various cities," writes the author of "The New Era; or, The Coming Kingdom," page 128, "I am indebted to Dr. Graham Taylor. They were compiled from city directories :

	Population.	Churches.	Lodges.
Buffalo1888-9	240,000	144	218
New Orleans1888-9	216,090	178	270
Washington1888-9	203,450	181	316
St. Louis1888-9	450,000	220	729
Worcester1888-9	85,000	54	88
Boston1890	448,477	243	599
Brooklyn.....1890	853,945	355	695
Chicago1890	1,099,850	384	1,088

The *Index*, a local Methodist paper, published at Sanborn, Iowa, says: "The United States pays annually, through all societies, \$5,000,000 for the salvation of heathendom. The same country pays annually \$6,000,000 for the support of its dogs."

The *Bombay Guardian* puts it thus: "Is the world getting better? We hope that it was never much worse. The government statistics of the United States show that there were over thirteen million of divorcees in the nineteen years, 1867-86."

In speaking of the "Tendencies of the Age," Rev. Wm. Reddy, D.D., says in a recent number of the *Guide to Holiness*: "In regard to national characteristics, the tendency is to recklessness and political corruption. The political parties seem to be intent on political partisan pre-eminence, irrespective of national integrity and the well-being and safety of the nation. Of course it is claimed by the parties that they are aiming at the best good of the