

Kansas. In three years the gain in Sunday-school membership has been nearly 500,000; but this is small, compared with the gain in our population, which increases more rapidly every year.

—The Welsh Calvinistic Methodists embrace 1,220 churches, 129,000 members, 1,012 ministers, and 1,450 Sabbath-schools, with home and foreign missionary societies.

—The German Evangelical Lutheran Church Synod embraces 246 ministers, 387 congregations, and 38,000 members, 219 parochial schools, and an average yearly attendance of 6,427.

—The African Methodist Episcopal Church, whose General Conference recently in session at Indianapolis, reports a membership of 403,351, and the total of money raised for all purposes during the year 1887 as \$1,064,569. There are 3,394 churches and 660 parsonages, valued at \$5,340,889. There are 17,009 stewards, 14,190 stewardesses, and 14,778 class-leaders.

The statistics of the United Presbyterian Church for the present ecclesiastical year are:

	1887.	1888.
Total membership.....	91,641	98,991
Total congregations	885	907
Total pastoral charges.....	678	708
Total contributions.....	\$977,860	\$1,019,937

—According to the Year-Book of the Disciples of Christ for 1888, they have 6,437 churches, 620,000 communicants, 4,500 Sunday-schools, with a membership of 318,000, and a teaching force of 33,340; number of preachers 3,263. The value of church property is \$10,508,361.

—In Germany and Switzerland there are eighteen foreign missionary societies, with between 522 and 550 missionaries in the field, and with an income of about \$720,000. The particular circumstances of their origin, no doubt, account for this state of things, but it certainly ought now to be possible to consolidate the smaller societies, and thus save the expense of so many different officials.

—Mr. David McLaren has made a careful examination and analysis of the home contributions of four great missionary societies and of the British and Foreign Bible Society during the fifty years of the present reign. The annual average amount of the five societies for the last ten years was £356,331, shown as follows:

Baptist Missionary Society.....	£257,229
Wesleyan Missionary Society.....	100,433
Church Missionary Society.....	133,670
London Missionary Society.....	80,742
British and Foreign Bible Society.....	100,557

The total contributions for the fifty years were £10,798,100, being about the amount spent on drink in this country in sixty days. One feature brought out by the examination is that, when a large sum has been raised for a special object, the income of succeeding years has not suffered in consequence.

—The Roman Catholic Propaganda of the

Faith in foreign parts was organized in Lyons, France, in 1822. Since that time it has received an aggregate of 220,000,000 francs, mainly in small amounts. Its receipts during the past year were 6,648,000 francs, of which 4,350,000 were drawn from France.

—According to the Directory of the Roman Catholic Church for 1888, there are, in England and Wales, 2,314 Catholic priests to 1,728 in 1875, and these preside over 1,304 churches, chapels and stations. Scotland has 5 bishops, 324 priests and 237 churches and chapels. The Roman Catholic population in 1887 is given as 1,354,000 in England and Wales, 326,000 in Scotland, 3,961,000 in Ireland. Together with the colonies, the number of Catholics under British rule is 9,682,000.

—New England Catholic statistics count up as follows: Priests, 906; seminarians, 233; churches, 602; chapels and stations, 133; colleges, 7; academies, 38; parochial schools, 305; pupils, 69,105; charitable institutions, 36; Catholic population, 1,185,000. This estimate is based on the reports of the parish priests to their ordinaries. It is rather under than over the figures. Exceeding care is taken in making this census. Estimations are generally based upon baptisms, marriages, etc., which yield a certainty on the safe side, but which exclude that host of Catholics who hold their religion loosely, who seldom attend church, who frequently neglect to have their children baptized, yet who are substantially Catholics, if anything, and who sometimes, sooner or later, return to the faith of their fathers. There are at least a million and a half Catholics in New England. It has been asserted, without contradiction, that over half the population of Boston are Catholics.—*Catholic Review*.

—In 1881 the 1,200 members of the United Presbyterian Board in Egypt—most of them very poor men and women—raised more than \$17 each, for the support of churches and schools. Look on this picture, then on that. Christians in America give 50 cents each to missions. Christians in poor Egypt give \$17 each for missions, and yet America is considered a Christian nation!—*Presb. College Journal*.

—The wealth of church members in the United States of America in 1880 was \$8,223 million dollars. Of this one-sixteenth of one per cent. or one dollar out of \$1,586 is given in a year for the salvation of eight hundred million heathen.

—It is difficult to learn the statistics of Jerusalem. Probably as reliable information as can be secured is given by the *Notre aus Zion*, a carefully edited German Protestant quarterly, published in the Holy City. The Mohammedans number about 11,000, the Jews 18,000, and the Christians 7,000, making a total of 36,000. The Jews generally claim more, making the estimate as high as 50,000.