

STATISTICS OF PROGRESS 1800 TO 1900.

An illustration of Christian progress to the end of the century, 1900, is contained in a paper in the New York *Public Opinion*, of which the following is a condensation :

"There has been published in the American papers a very carefully-prepared statement from the pen of Rev. Dr. Daniel Rochester, under the caption, "Is the Church Still Gaining, at the Close of the Century?" in which there is made a comparison between the strength of the Church in 1800 and in 1900. Of course, the term "Church" is used in a wide sense, and includes all *evangelical* bodies. Take, for instance, the two following tables :

YEAR.	CHURCHES.	MINISTERS.	COMMUNICANTS.
1800.....	3,030	2,651	364,872
1850.....	43,072	25,555	3,529,988
1870.....	70,148	47,609	6,673,396
1880.....	97,090	59,870	10,065,963
1890.....	151,172	98,185	13,823,618
1900.....	172,406	126,046	17,784,475

"During the last twenty years there has been an increase of 75,316 churches and 56,176 ministers.

"The increase in the communicants during the last half century is thus stated :

From 1850 to 1870	3,143,400	in 20 years.
" 1870 " 1880	3,392,267	" 10 "
" 1880 " 1890	3,757,555	" 10 "
" 1890 " 1900	3,960,857	" 10 "

"Comparing the whole population with the total *evangelical* communicants, there are the following striking results :

1800, one communicant in 14.50 inhabitants.	
1850, " " 6.57	"
1870, " " 5.78	"
1880, " " 5.00	"
1890, " " 4.53	"
1900, " " 4.28	"