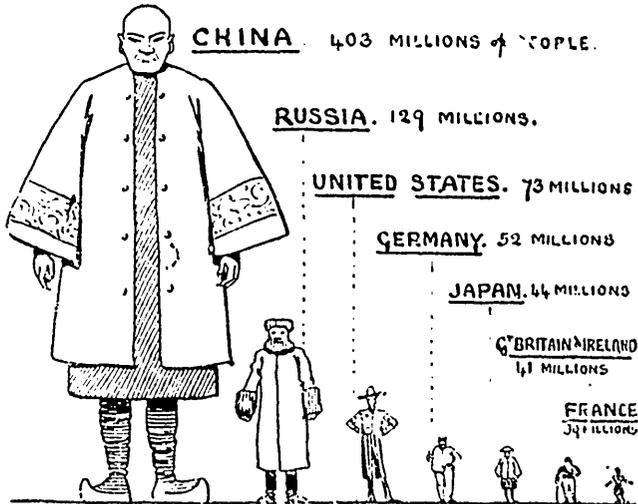


Religious Intelligence.



A COMPARISON IN NUMBERS.

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It is with no ordinary pleasure that we submit to our readers this John Wesley memorial number of *The Methodist Magazine*. We are specially gratified at the generous tribute paid to this great man by writers who are not of the Methodist Church. These friendly greetings show that far above all denominational lines is recognized the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We hoped to have had similar greetings from other branches of the Christian Church. The Rev. Dr. Sheraton, Principal of Wycliffe College, eleven years ago contributed a very generous tribute to the character of John Wesley, and would have done so again, but the pressure of important college duties at this season of the year rendered that impossible. A distinguished layman of the Anglican Church would also have done the same but for similar reasons. Contributions were expected also from the Congregational Church, but were not received in time for this issue.

While it is right and proper to thank God for blessings vouchsafed to our Church and to the Church of our fathers, it is also proper to remember that we form only a part of the hosts of Christendom, of the great army of

the living God. We should remember that there are old historic Churches which had an heroic history before Methodism was born, to which Methodism owes much, and upon which in return she has conferred great religious influence and inspiration.

It is, therefore, proper that we should seek the Christian fellowship of these Churches in our rejoicings and thanksgivings. We regard it as a happy concurrence that in the pages of our connexional magazine we are able to present so numerous and kind fraternal greetings from the representatives of other Christian Churches of this land. Some of the most distinguished men in our country—members of these Churches—have joined to pay their tribute of respect to the memory of John Wesley, and of appreciation of the services of Methodism in this land.

The greatest missionary problem in the world is the Chinese problem. Our cut from "World Wide" sets this forth in a very striking manner. The enormous bulk of China as compared with Great Britain brings this fact home with startling vividness. Yet the "tight little island" is moulding the destinies of the world, while China, in a condition of arrested development, is an obstruction in the path of civiliza-