

apostle wrote some of his epistles in chains, but the chains are now smitten off the Word of God, and it has free course, and prevails.

In the England-speaking world, omitting all non-Protestant bodies, the following are the denominational statistics :

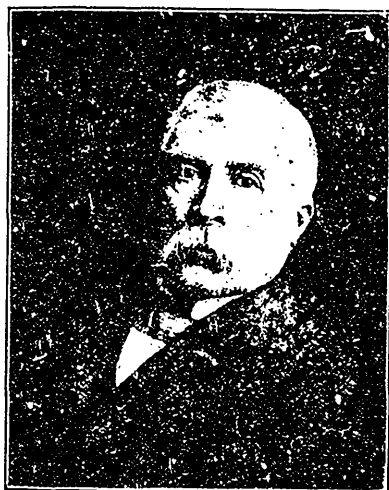
|                    | Com-<br>municants. | S. S.<br>scholars. |
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| Methodists .....   | 7,659,285          | 6,961,529          |
| Baptists .....     | 5,454,699          | 2,586,692          |
| Presbyterians .... | 3,916,450          | 3,087,713          |
| Congregationalists | 1,201,254          | 1,455,160          |
| Total .....        | 18,231,688         | 14,091,034         |

Anglican and  
daughter  
churches ..... 3,367,052

It will be noticed that the Methodist Sunday-school scholars are more than twice as many as those of any other Church. The Church that captures the children will capture the world.

The Methodist Church, therefore, ranks as the largest non-Episcopal body of English-speaking Protestants in the world; the Baptist Church ranks next; the Presbyterian comes third; at a considerable distance behind comes the Episcopalian, the Congregationalist bringing up the rear.—Christian Work.

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J. JAMES TISSOT.

Many thousands of persons who have enjoyed and been greatly profited by the study of Tissot's famous illustrations of the life of our Lord will regret that the great artist has passed away. He died at Paris, August 11th, in his sixty-eighth year. The 350 paintings and 11 pen-and-ink drawings on the life of Jesus, were the result of more than ten years' labour. These are now preserved in a specially prepared room of the Brooklyn Civic Art Gallery. It paid for them the sum of \$60,000. Had the collection been broken up and sold in detail they would have produced three times that amount, but to this Tissot would never consent.

With the death of Rev. James McAlister there passed away one of the best known and best loved ministers of the Methodist Church in Canada. Over fifty years ago he began his ministry of grace in this land in the New Connexion Church. He occupied some of its best appointments, was chairman of his district for six years previous to the Union of 1874, and was delegate to more than one General Conference. His words of weight and wisdom conveyed conviction and commanded respect. He was a mighty man in the Scriptures, and had power with God, and prevailed in prayer. He passed away in his seventy-seventh year, at his late home, in Galt, and devout men carried him to his burial.

The many friends of the Rev. Dr. N. R. Willoughby will sympathize profoundly with the bereavement which he has sustained in the loss of his estimable wife, the faithful companion of many years in the service of their common Master and Lord. The death of Mrs. Willoughby occurred during absence from home at Saskatoon, N.W.T. The remains were brought to Toronto for interment. Many of the city ministers were present on that sad occasion.

Sheriff Pearson, of Portland, the famous Methodist preacher, who was such a terror to evil-doers and the violators of the Maine law, died August 6th at Poland Springs. The worry incident to his work enfeebled his strength and caused his death—another illustrious victim of the drink trade.