

of 26,000,000, it is in fact but little more than 10,000,000, and that the loss aggregates, therefore, in the neighborhood of 16,000,000. Coming from within the Church itself, the statements are certainly suggestive.

The latest census adds to the interest excited by these statements of the memorialists by the statistics which have just been made public. It goes to show that with all the complaints of weakness made by officials resident here Rome has still large interests among us—interests large enough to constitute a serious menace to the institutions of which she is the pronounced foe. At the same time it also shows that the friends of these institutions have sufficient strength, if they will but exercise it with wise precaution and unitedly, to guard them for all the future from the dangers that threaten them.

The total number of communicants is 6,250,045, who are attached to 10,221 organizations, an average of 611. Of the 10,221 organizations, 1469, or about 14.4 per cent, worship in halls, school-houses, or private houses, which, exclusive of private houses, represent a seating capacity of 69,159, while the 8765 edifices owned by the Church have a seating capacity of 3,366,633, making a total of 3,435,792 for the whole Church, which is somewhat more than half the number of communicants.

The total value of church property, including edifices, the ground on which they stand, furniture, bells, etc., is \$118,381,516. The average value of each edifice is, therefore, about \$13,500. The metropolitan see of New York, with its 472,800 communicants, has church property valued at nearly \$9,000,000; that of Chicago comes second, with property worth \$6,457,064, and that of Boston third, with a total of \$6,379,078. Brooklyn comes forth, with a valuation of \$5,751,907, and Newark fifth, with \$4,297,482. These five sees have more than one fourth of the entire valuation of the Church.

In the distribution of communicants the arch-diocese of New York comes

first, with 572,806; Boston second, with 412,060; Chicago third, with 326,640; Philadelphia fourth, with 251,162; Brooklyn fifth, with 228,785; St. Paul sixth, with 203,484, and Baltimore seventh, with 192,597. There are twenty-two sees which contain upward of 100,000 communicants each.

The seating capacity is for church edifices only, exclusive of halls and school-houses, and the communicants are those belonging to parishes having church edifices.

Arch- Dioceses.	Seating Capacity of Church Edifices.	Comm- unicants.
Baltimore.....	74,034	190,577
Boston.....	142,809	407,536
Chicago.....	115,065	324,632
Cincinnati.....	68,900	129,780
Milwaukee.....	93,011	111,016
New Orleans.....	50,415	181,964
New York.....	148,303	452,645
Oregon.....	11,462	26,164
Philadelphia.....	107,667	251,162
St. Louis.....	102,025	121,621
St. Paul.....	91,180	193,039
San Francisco.....	49,805	112,180
Santa Fé.....	89,370	81,315
Total.....	1,143,336	2,583,612

From these statistics it will be seen that the great strength of Rome is to be found in our large cities. It is in them her power is especially perceptible. As is indicated by the memorial to which we have referred, she feels the imperative necessity of holding on to the immigrant populations that, in increasing proportion, are massing themselves therein, and her hold upon these will depend largely upon her ability to keep them down to their present level of ignorance. Only thus can she work out the political schemes which her actively inventive genius is ever devising, in every one of which is her own aggrandizement. This, her determined purpose and effort, must be met with an equally determined purpose and effort on the part of the friends of freedom. Let them not be deceived by the confessions of waning influence any more than by the false claims of the Year Books, but remember that the price of liberty—liberty of conscience.